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OF THE  
*Dying Sayings*

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WITH

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Labours in the GOSPEL, and  
Sufferings for the same.

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**W**onderful hath been  
the Love of God  
to the Children of Men,  
and various have been the  
Methods whereby he hath  
given Demonstrations of it:  
All Ages and Generations  
abound with the Testimo-  
nies of his Bounty to 'em ;

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for his Goodness hath been always so plentifully extended, and also in such an indulgent Manner, as if his Happiness was not complet unless Mankind partook of it: So that he had great Reason indeed to ask, *What could have been done more to his Vineyard, (the House of Israel) that he had not done in it?* For he gave them his good Spirit to instruct them, he sent his Servants the Prophets to reprove them, and which was the most stupendious Kindness of all, he also sent his only begotten Son to

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to reclaim them, and to be a Propitiation for them : Yet such was the Obstinacy of that impenitent Generation, that few would thereby see (however do) the Things that belonged to their Peace, so that at last they were hid from their Eyes ; a Doom dismal and just ! May their Calamities be our Caution, that by their Harms we may learn to beware.

For we have also, in this our Day, been honoured with a Visitation from Heaven, a high and holy Calling indeed ; a Call to be holy

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in order to be happy : But few have obeyed, though Christ himself hath called by his Spirit, and by his Servants, by his Judgments, and by his Mercies, that Men might be reduced to the Paths of the Righteous, which are Paths of Pleasantness, and Ways of Peace. But alas ! instead of being melted to Contrition by these endearing Testimonies of his Goodness, such hath been the Ingratitude of many, they have done Despight to the holy Spirit of Grace that was given for their eternal Profit,

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fit, and have also very evilly entreated his Servants and Messengers, whom he sent to Proclaim that accepted Time, the Day of Salvation: Yet these good Men were not, by their Hardships, weary of their well-doing, but persevered to the End, in doing Good to them, though they returned Hatred for Love, Persecution for Kindness, as thou wilt find by some Instances in these Collections, which the industrious Author presents thee with; that the drowsy World might be awakened to Holiness



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Holiness by the Voice of the Dead, since that of the Living is so little regarded.

The Matter thou wilt soon see is very excellent, since it shews thee, that to *live holily* is the Way to *die happily*: In short, it is a continued Perswasion to Virtue, and a compendious Directory in the Way to it, by the great Means of Examples, which at once gives both Light and Strength in that indispensable Duty of living well; and it is free of what might excite thy Displeasure, not intermedling with the Controversies



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controversies of the Times; so that Charity persuades me, that scarce any can read it and not be bettered by it: Which gives me the Boldness to recommend these following Sheets to the serious Perusal of all, high and low, rich and poor, Friends and Enemies; that all may be humbled to the Improvement of their Time (that Treasure of eternal Consequence) and be wise, and consider their latter End; lest, when it is too late, they may desire to die the Death of these righteous Persons, and that  
bowel their

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their latter End may be like theirs, who breathed out their pious Souls in Faith, and full Assurance of an immortal Crown of Glory. For the Voice was true the holy Man declared he heard, and that bid him write, *Blessed are the Dead which die in the Lord, that they may rest from their Labours, and their Works do follow them*, to their Comfort and everlasting Consolation; and stay behind them too, to the Example of the Living, who desire to live to God, and follow them as they followed

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lowed Christ, in Humility; Self-denial, Brotherly kindness, &c. Though thereby they are a Proverb of Reproach, and their Life accounted Madness, and their latter End without Honour; yet they will be numbred among the Children of God, and their Lot will be among the Saints.

I will detain thee no longer from what is better, only recommend thee to the holy Spirit of Truth, that is able and willing to guide thee into the same blessed Truth it led these happy Souls into, and then  
thy

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thy latter End, will be like to  
theirs, comfortable and glo-  
rious: Which is earnestly  
desired for thee by the Au-  
thor of these Treatises; for  
I know his sole Design is  
thy Profit and Advantage;  
he desires none for himself,  
but the Comfort of Well-  
doing; being acted by a  
better Principle than to  
make Gain of Godliness,  
too much the Practice of  
Men of great Preences.

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**W**ILLIAM DEWSBURY was one whom God raised up in the Morning of his glorious Day, broken forth in our Age.

After that eminent Servant of Christ, *George Fox*, was set at Liberty, (having been almost twelve Months in *Darby* Jail, whereof near six Months he was in the Dungeon, for his Testimony to the Truth, in the Year 1651) he passing from thence through several Counties, came to *Balby* in *Yorkshire*, where he was instrumental to convince several Friends of Note, who were afterwards serviceable in their Days, viz. *Richard Farnsworth*, *Thomas Aldam*,

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dam, *Thomas Goodyear, Thomas and John Kilham, James Naylor, &c.* And *George Fox* having a Meeting at *Lieutenant Roper's House, William Dewsbury* and his Wife came to it, and heard Truth declared : And the same Evening, they having some Conference with *George Fox*, confessed to the Truth and received it ; and after some Time, *William Dewsbury* publicly preached the same Truth.

In the Year 1653 he went into *Westmoreland, Cumberland and Lancashire*, and declared Truth both in Steeple-houses and in Meetings ; and underwent great Sufferings, Beatings, &c. and was imprisoned at *York*, and also at *Northampton* in the Year 1654. Indeed, God made him an eminent Instrument in his Hand, for the Publication of his mighty Day of Power, preaching Repentance in order to the Remission of Sins ; and he bore a faithful and universal Testimony of the *free Grace of God to Mankind* : And the Lord was with him, and prospered him in his manifold Sufferings, Travels, Labours, and Exercises in the Gospel of Christ, and Word of the Ministry, as may be seen in



in his several Books, Testimonies and Epistles, collected together in Print. And many were made sensible of the Benefit of his Labours, Counsel, Admonition and Encouragement, to the Good and Welfare of their immortal Souls: For the Lord, in whose Dread and Zeal he laboured, endowed him with Faith and Courage, and great Boldness for his Name and Truth; and he publish'd the same in great Plainness, and in the Simplicity thereof. To the tender-hearted he was exceeding mild, but to the Stubborn and Lofty he was sharp and plain; admonishing them, and declaring the righteous Judgment of God against that State; watching with much Patience and Long-suffering the Recovery of such, who through the Subtilty of the Enemy had fallen from the Truth, and from the Unity with the People of God: But when any made it their Work to cause Division and Discord, and to sow Dissention among Brethren, he would plainly testify against them, and reject them, as he did in his last Visit to *London*.

A little Time before his Departure, he had a Concern upon him for the

Honour of God, and that those who had believed, and made Profession of the Truth, might answer it in an holy and blameless Conversation ; which he would often say, *could not be done by Largeness of Knowledge, and Strength of Comprehension, but by a real dying to their Wills and Affections, by Virtue of the Daily-cross.*

The Envy of wicked and unreasonable Men was very great and fierce against him, especially in those early Days of his Travels and Labours ; and for the Sake of his Testimony he was often beaten, stoned, and imprisoned. He neither feared their malicious Threats nor Blows, but boldly went forth, publishing the Truth, testifying *to that of God in all Consciences* ; and the Hand of divine Providence often delivered him out of the Hands of his Enemies, for his Name's Sake.

A few Weeks before his Decease he came up to the City of *London*, and visited most of the publick Meetings there, and bore a faithful Testimony to Truth, and for Love and Unity ; preaching up the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the World is  
*crucified*

*crucified unto us, and we unto the World.*  
Gal. vi. 14.

It being the third Month 1688, when he was in *London*, and he intending to have tarried there with Friends till the Yearly-meeting, which was approaching, was taken ill about the 29th of the same Month, so that he could no longer be in the City: He then determined to return Home, but before he went, he left a Letter for the Yearly-meeting, which is as followeth;

*Dear Friends and Brethren,*

‘ I did not know till this last Night  
‘ but that I should have been with you  
‘ at the Yearly-meeting, but it pleased  
‘ the Lord to visit me with my ancient  
‘ Distemper, which hath accompanied  
‘ me in Prison; and since I was released,  
‘ the Distemper was so sharp upon me,  
‘ as to my Sense, this last Night I did  
‘ not know whether I should have lived  
‘ to have seen another Day: But cry-  
‘ ing to the Lord, he ordered and  
‘ cleared my Way to go into the Coun-  
‘ try, so that I cannot be with you at  
‘ this Yearly-meeting; but desire the  
‘ Lord

• Lord to assist you with his blessed  
• Power and heavenly Life; to bring in  
• the scattered Ones to their everlasting  
• Comfort, and his Glory for ever,  
• *Amen.*

• And that it may be so with you,  
• is the Prayer of your loving Brother,

• WILLIAM DEWSBURY.

London, the 30th of the  
Third Month, 1688.

He lived but seventeen Days after he left *London*, and making short Jour-  
nies, got home to *Warwick*, and con-  
tinued weak in Body : And a few Days  
before his Departure, some Friends  
being together with him in his Chamber,  
he rising up in his Bed in great Weak-  
ness of Body, said to them as followeth,

• My God hath yet put in my  
• Heart to bear a Testimony to his  
• Name and blessed Truth, and I can  
• never forget the Day of his great  
• Power and blessed Appearance, when  
• he first sent me to preach his everlast-  
• ing Gospel, and proclaim the Day of  
• the Lord to all People : And also he  
• confirmed

confirmed the same by Signs and  
 Wonders. — Therefore, Friends, be  
 faithful, and trust in the Lord your  
 God ; for this I can say, I never  
 played the Coward, but as *joyfully*  
*entered Prisons as Palaces*, bidding  
 mine Enemies to hold me there as  
 long as they could ; and in the Prison-  
 house I sung Praises to my God, and  
*esteemed the Bolts and Locks, put upon*  
*me, as Jewels* ; and in the Name of  
 the eternal God I always *got the Vic-*  
*tory* : For they could not keep me  
 any longer than the determined Time  
 of my God.

And Friends, this I must once  
 again testify to you in the Name of  
 the Lord God, That what I saw  
 above thirty Years ago, still rests as  
 a Testimony to leave behind me,  
*That a dreadful terrible Day is at hand,*  
*and will certainly come to pass* : But  
 the Time when, I cannot say ; but  
 all put on Strength in the Name of  
 the Lord, and wait to feel his eternal  
 Power to preserve you through the  
*Tribulations of these Days that approach*  
*very near*. In the Sense of which I  
 have often been distressed and bowed



in my Spirit, with Cries and Tears to  
 my God for the Preservation of his  
 Heritage.

And this I have further to signify,  
 That my Departure draws nigh;  
*Blessed be my God, I am prepared, I*  
*have nothing to do but die,* and put off  
 this corruptible and mortal Taberna-  
 cle, this Flesh that hath so many  
 Infirmities; but the Life that dwells  
 in it, ascends out of the Reach of  
 Death, Hell and the Grave; and  
*Immortality, eternal Life, is my Crown*  
*for ever and ever.*

Therefore, you that are left behind,  
 fear not, nor be discouraged, but go  
 on in the Name and Power of the  
 Lord, and bear a faithful and living  
 Testimony for him in your Day:  
 And the Lord will prosper his Work  
 in your Hand, and cause his Truth to  
 flourish and spread abroad; *for it shall*  
*have the Victory, and no Weapon formed*  
*against it shall prosper.* The Lord  
 hath determined it shall possess the  
 Gates of his Enemies, and the Glory  
 and the Light thereof shall shine more  
 and more unto the perfect Day.

So



So he concluded in Prayers to the Lord, with fervent Breathings and Supplications for all his People every where, but more especially for his dearly beloved Friends assembled together at the Yearly-meeting at London; where he had intended to have been, if the Lord had given him Health: His dear Love was to all Friends who enquired after him.

He departed this Life at his House in *Warwick*, in a good old Age, on the 17th of the fourth Month in the Year 1688.

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**R**OBERT WARDEL, of *Sunderland* in the County of *Durham*, received Truth about the Year 1661, and bore a publick Testimony to the same, not only in *England*, but also in *Scotland*, *Ireland*, *Holland*, and some Parts of *Germany*; and in the latter part of his Days, viz. in the Year 1694, he went with our dear Friend *Robert Barrow* to visit the Churches of Christ in *America*: And they travelled through nine Provinces, or distinct Governments, in those Parts, among whom they had three hundred twenty

eight Meetings with the People for the Worship of Almighty God, to their Comfort and mutual Refreshment in the Lord. And God enabled them to perform their Service to the Desire of their Hearts, in their old Age, and by his Power supported them under all Exercises which they met withal.

They left the Continent to visit the Islands, and after they had been at *Antigua* and *Bermudas*, where they had considerable Service among Friends and others in those Islands, they arrived at *Jamaica* on the 10th of the second Month 1696, intending, if the Lord permitted, to have gone to *Pensylvania*, &c. again. After their Arrival at *Jamaica* they had several Meetings, but about the 18th of the said Month *Robert Wardel* was taken ill, for the Climate was exceeding hot, which made great Alteration upon them both, especially on *Robert Wardel*, who was very much indisposed. And a Friend asking him, *how he found himself?* He answered, *I have been sick many times, but I never felt myself as I am now; therefore I know not how it may be with me, the Will of the Lord be done: I am given up, and*  
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am content with God's Will. Another time he said to the Woman-friend at whose House he was, *The Lord reward thee for thy tender Care ; it makes me think of my dear Wife : I know not whether I may ever see her more, but however, the Will of God be done. I am, and was willing to be contented with the Will of God, whether Life or Death, before I came hither ; and I bless God I am not afraid to die.* And so he continued to the End in a resign'd Frame of Mind, submitting to the Will of God. And upon his dying Bed he gave divers good Exhortations to Friends who came to visit him, concerning the *Education of their Children, their Care in Discipline in the Church, and that Things might be kept in good Order ; and that Friends might answer God's Love to them.* And after a few Days Sickness, he peaceably finished his Course on the 22d of the second Month, in the Year 1696, at the House of John Dobbin in Elizabeth Parish in Jamaica.

**E**LIZABETH HARMAN, Wife of *John Harman*, Haberdasher in *London*, and Daughter of *John Staploe*, Grocer of the same City, was visited with a lingering Distemper, which continued upon her for about four Months; in which Time, God was graciously pleased to give her many Opportunities of great Comfort, inclining several Friends to visit her, and to pray to the Lord on her Behalf. She much desired Retirement, to feel her Mind stayed upon the Lord, that she might feel his living Power to prepare her, that whether Life or Death, she might be freely resigned and given up to the Will of God. But she said, *Oh, how hard it is to come there! it is hard Work to die without having a full Assurance of the Love of God.*

She had great Travail and Exercise of Spirit, with strong Cries to the Lord, and Wrestlings against the Enemy, who endeavoured to hurry her Mind, and bring her into Doubts and Fears, so that she would often say, *How busy is the*

*the Enemy in a Time of Weakness, and how hard it is to have a Mind stayed upon the Lord!*

After some time it was thought convenient, for the Benefit of the Air, to remove her into the Country to *Mill-hill* in the County of *Middlesex*; which being done, she was satisfied therewith, saying, *She hoped she should have more Opportunity of Retirement to seek the Lord, and find him near her.*

One Day her Father being by her, she said, *Ob, it is a good Condition truly to wait and feel the Mind stayed upon the Lord.* And her Father related something of his own Experience, having been greatly distressed for want of the Presence of the Lord, and Help in the Time of Need. She acknowledged her Father's Experience, and spoke with great Respect of him, and low Thoughts of herself. At another Time she said, *Ob the Enemy takes Advantage of my outward Weakness:* But Faith arising, she said, *I trust the Lord will drive him quite away.*

A few Days before she dyed, her Father and another Friend coming late one Night to visit her, found her under  
great



great inward Travail for the *Enjoyment of the Love of God to her Soul, that being all she desired.* And the next Day waiting upon the Lord in her Chamber, the Friend signified the Sense he had of *the Mercy and Love of God towards her;* desiring that she might wait to feel more of it, and trust therein, watching against the Enemy; and he believed God would graciously answer her Desire and Breathing; and she acknowledged his Regard to her. And the Friend added, *I believe this Day shall not pass over, before the Lord giveth thee thy longed for Desire;* [which was God's Presence] and she believing, answered, *I believe the Lord will bear thy Prayers for me.* And about the third Hour in the Afternoon, whilst her Husband and Friends sat by her waiting upon the Lord, the same Friend prayed, and God did in a large manner manifest his Love amongst them, and by his living Power drove away the Clouds and Darkness, to the refreshing of the Mourner, and the Comfort of her that could not be comforted without the feeling of his Power and Goodness: And she said, *Oh now is the good Time come! now I feel the*  
*Love*



*Love of God towards me in my Soul ! he hath open'd my Heart and brought me into Liberty ; how good a God have I ! O the merciful God that I have to do with, that hath remembred me ! He that said to the Thief upon the Cross, To Day shalt thou be with me in Paradise, he hath looked upon me. Now I am satisfied ; now I am freely resigned, and given up unto the Will of God, for now hath the Lord given me the Assurance of his Love for ever. And it was observable, how careful she was all along of speaking any thing beyond what she enjoyed.*

As her near Friends and Relations sympathized with her in the deep Exercise and Travail of Soul she underwent, before she received the full Assurance of eternal Happiness ; which when she had attained to, it was Occasion of Comfort and Gladness of Heart to them.

Soon after, some came to visit her, to whom she signified something of the Lord's Dealings with her, remembering them of *their latter End, and the Necessity of a Preparation for that Time ;* and withal, *how hard it was to die.* One of them being under some Convincement of Truth, she declared the Need there

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was to mind and have Regard to the Convictions of the Spirit of Truth, and Discovery of Light; certifying the Principle of Truth to be most excellent; and so many as were led by it, are fit to die; but if any professing the same did act contrary, the Fault was their own. Desiring, that not anything of that kind might be a Stumbling-block to them: With more that she said, speaking of the great Assurance of the Love of God which she enjoyed, and now was willing to die, having nothing else to do but to die. Which so greatly affected the Persons she spoke to, that they wept much, and said they should never forget what she had spoken.— At Night, her Husband and Father, and others, being present, she said, Come now rejoice with me; the good Time is now come, because the Lord is good, the Lord is good, and hath given me the Assurance of eternal Life! so that you may now rejoice with me, and I hope you will have a joyful Parting; the Lord give you a good Meeting from whence I am to be buried, and bless the Opportunity to them that may be there. O that all might be diligent who have been

careless

*careless, and let their Minds out after vain Things; desiring, that all might love Plainness.*

The next Day she signified to those about her, *the Continuance of the Favour and Love of God that she was enlarged to speak of, and praise him for the same, who supported her under great Weakness; and that she saw clearly through the secret and subtil Workings of the Enemy of her Soul, who would have discouraged her; but, said she, I know the Power that hath driven him back, and he must enter no more: Now is my Soul redeemed to God, and he that hath redeemed me is near me. The Sufferings and Death of Christ, and of his Agonies, the shedding of his Blood, and what he hath done for me, I feel now that I have the Benefit of all: Blessed be my Redeemer who is near me.*

On the Sixth-day of the Week came divers of her Relations and Friends from London to see her, and were much comforted, because of the good Condition that they found her in; and the Time was good, because the good God of Life opened the living Springs in their Hearts; that which stop'd the Well being taken away. So that those who  
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loved her most, were reconciled to part  
 with her. Then to one of those present,  
 whom she loved much, she said, Oh,  
*why hast thou staid so long? If thou hadst*  
*been here before, I believe I had been gone;*  
*but Oh, when I wrestled with the Lord*  
*for my own Soul, thou wast still before me,*  
*and it was often in my Mind to send for*  
*thee: Indeed I may say, the Lord con-*  
*strained me, and it was to tell thee this,*  
*That thy State is as mine was, not as*  
*mine is: No, no, thou hast hard Work to*  
*do first: Oh the Anxiety, the Sorrow, the*  
*Agony and Perplexity of Soul, the Lord*  
*hath been pleased to lay upon me, yet*  
*blameless as to my Life and Conversation:*  
*None can accuse me of any Evil, neither do*  
*I believe they can thee; neither can I.*  
*Therefore take it not amiss, for in pure*  
*Love to thy never-dying Soul do I perswade*  
*thee and exhort thee; for I cannot but say,*  
*I have seen clearly into thy State, because I*  
*love thee. I am concerned for thee, I*  
*know it is as I was: I have sometimes*  
*gone to a Meeting, and not keeping on my*  
*Watch, my Mind was cumbered with many*  
*Things, and I have gone away never the*  
*better: Answer me; Hath it not been*  
*so with thee? And no Reply being*  
 made

made, she spoke earnestly, and asked again, *Prithee tell me, tell me*; then an Answer being given, she said, *watch and pray, dear Friend, for thou wilt find it hard to die, live as well as thou canst: And thou knowest not but it may be thy Turn next.. Though thou art a Flower, so was I; yet see how I am faded away: Forget not my dying Words, forget them not; they are spoke to thee in pure Love. Therefore, dear and tender Friend, take them so.* Then she said, *Farewel, farewel; I am going to eternal Glory; but Ob how hard was it to obtain an Assurance thereof! but now Glory, Glory to my God! I have obtained Pardon and am going to him. And one Word more, dear Friend; keep in all Plainness both in House and Apparel, for that becomes us best; that will last longest, that we shall have most Peace in; then bid her again Farewel, farewel.*

That Night another Friend came to visit her, who with her Husband, Father, and divers other Friends, had a good Meeting in her Chamber. After which, she expressed her Affections to her Husband and tender Children, desiring the Blessing of God upon them, and that



that her Children might be brought up in the Fear of the Lord, and in that Plainness that Truth leads into; and said affectionately to her Father, Thou hast been a tender Father to me, be so to mine, a Grandfather, double, double. And further said, Though I have a dear loving Husband and two fine Children, and Plenty enough of Things of this World, so that there is nothing wanting; but Oh, what's all that? It is as nothing in Comparison of the overcoming Love of God which I feel. Oh, how gracious a God have I. Now I want to go hence, I long to be dissolved: Come Lord, come Lord Jesus, receive my Spirit. And for the Comfort of her Friends, said, My gracious God hath given me the full Assurance; Oh, the Light that I see before me, and the Glory of that Kingdom I shall soon enter into!

The Night before her Departure, it having been the Monthly-meeting at Mill-hill, several of her Friends having come from London to visit her; after they were gone, her Father took Notice what a Company of Friends had been below; she replied, I pray God bless you, and grant to you all as happy an End as I am like to make. With many more sen-

sible

ible Expressions which she uttered. That Night she received a Letter from our Friend *William Penn*, whom she much esteemed, who had been to visit her in the Beginning of her Sickness; Part of it is as follows,

*Dear Elizabeth,*

‘ I am grieved that I am hindred  
 ‘ from seeing thee, but the Lord I have  
 ‘ sought for thee, and in Spirit abund-  
 ‘ dantly sympathized with thee: I  
 ‘ beseech him, make all easy to thee in  
 ‘ Life or in Death; the Lord God of  
 ‘ thy Life, and the Life of his dear  
 ‘ People, be with thee, and do his  
 ‘ blessed good Pleasure: In the Love of  
 ‘ which endless Life I bid thee Farewel,  
 ‘ Farewel: Thy Friend and Brother  
 ‘ in the Lord, where we shall meet  
 ‘ again and live for ever.’

The which Letter, a Friend present, at her Desire, answered, and she at Conclusion expressed these Words, *My Love in the Lord Jesus, in whom I received his Love, is dearly to him, and my dear Love to his Wife.*

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The next Day, being the second Day of the Week, she said in the Morning to them about her, *Dear Friends, Farewel ; the Lord God of Heaven and Earth be with you, bless you and preserve you.* And having taken her Leave of her Husband, and all in Order, leaving Directions not only about her Children, as to the bringing them up, but also the Family she left behind, and concerning several Acts of Charity, also her Burial, and the manner of it ; about the third Hour in the Afternoon she said to a Minister present, who often visited her in her Sickness, *A true Friend, the Lord reward thee when I am gone.* And having an easy Passage, she soon fell asleep, and is now at Rest in the Lord.

She remembered her Love in the Lord Jesus Christ to Friends. She died at *Mill-bill* on the 12th, and was buried in *London* the 15th of the second Month, in the Year 1698, aged 28 Years.

ANNE

**A**NNE MERCY STAPLOE,  
 Daughter of *John Staploe* of *Al-*  
*dersgate-street* in *London*, a young Maid  
 between fourteen and fifteen Years of  
 Age, was a dutiful Child to her Parents,  
 a Pattern of Content in the Family, and  
 was seldom out of Temper, whatever  
 happen'd.

She had been at School the 18th of  
 the first Month 1700, and was taken  
 sick the same Day of a violent Fever,  
 yet was preserved in her Senses to the  
 last. At the Time of her first being  
 ill, a Neighbour being with her, she  
 said, *She thought herself to be taken much*  
*after the manner that the Servant-maid*  
*was, that died out of the Family two or*  
*three Months before;* and she was heard  
 to say, as she lay in a quiet and still  
 Frame, *Tby Will, tby Will be done.*  
 And another Time, her Mother asking  
 her, *how she did?* she chearfully an-  
 swered, *That she thought she should not*  
*recover; but desired to be contented with*  
*the Will of the Lord.* And when her  
 Friends came to see her, she affection-  
 ately



ately acknowledged their Visit, and said, *A broken Heart and contrite, was accepted of the Lord* ; with many more Words, but her Voice being low, could not well understand them. A Friend taking Leave of her, desired the Lord to comfort her, and she answered, *He bath* ; and said, *I have been in the sweetest Frame that ever I was in in my Life, Praises, Praises be to the Lord, for thou art worthy of it !* And declared her Willingness to die, and that she was happy in the Lord. And being asked to take something to moisten her Mouth, she said, *None ; for in a few Minutes I shall be at ease* : And looking on her Friends about her, she turned her Face to the Pillow and said, *Anne Mercy bids all Farewell*. And a Neighbour asking her, *if she was willing to die ?* she said, *Yes, and go to God* ; and departed in about two Minutes after, having been sick four Days.

She died on the 22d of the first Month, in the Year 1700, and was buried from the *Bull and Mouth Meeting-house* the 25th of the same Month, aged between 14 and 15 Years.

Concerning



*Concerning a Youth about nineteen Years  
of Age.*

**M**ORGAN CADWOLADER,  
Son of Morgan Cadwolader, of  
Merion Township in Pennsylvania, be-  
ing under Weakness of Body, he said,  
*When he was in Health he was not so  
careful as he should have been; so that  
when he heard Friends speak concerning  
the Preciousness of the Work of the Lord,  
and concerning being serious, and how  
needful it was to use but few Words in  
our Conversation, he was not careful  
enough concerning these Things: And  
when it happened that he was among  
some who were light and vain, it was  
pleasing to him.*

But when the Lord was pleased to  
visit him with Sickness, and bring him  
(in his Apprehension) very near Death,  
then he began to consider his Condition,  
and saw himself wanting: Then the  
Fear of the Lord came upon him, and  
he took Delight in his Service; and the  
Company of them who were most se-  
rious, and careful to keep close to the  
Lord, was most acceptable to him.

And he desired that they would pray for him ; and the Lord put it into his Heart to go alone to wait upon him, and pray unto him. And it was his chief Concern to be serious and grave, and to refrain from that Company which he formerly delighted in. And such a Fear was upon his Heart, that he would desire his Friends and Relations, if they heard him at any Time say amiss, to tell him of it. And when he was in his last Sickness, a Friend visiting of him, enquired how he did? he replied, *I am not afraid of Death, nor Punishment after it ; for I know and am satisfied that the Lord will have Mercy on me : And yet I wait to come one Step nearer to him.* And to another Friend he said, taking his Leave of him, *When thy Heart is tendered, remember me ; for it is good for one that is weak to have Help.* And often said, *The Time of my going to my long Home draws nigh ; and said, How good is the Lord, and how great is his Love !* One time he asked his Mother, how much he wanted of twenty Years? She replied, *Three Quarters of a Year.* Then, said he, *if I go to my Grave in my youthful Days, I shall escape a great deal of Trou-*

ble that is in the World. And farther said, I have very often used to go alone into the Woods, and fall on my Knees to pray to the Lord, and make Covenants with him, and that with many Tears: Though I have sometimes been too short in performing my Covenants which I made in my Distress; yet the Lord has been merciful to me, and I am willing to die. This poor Carcase, which is much decayed already, will go to the Grave; but the purer Part, or Spirit that is in it, will go to the Lord that gave it.

He said to his Brother, I know thou art tender, and often broken into Tears: If thou wilt be careful, the Lord will be good to thee. And I desire thee after Meeting on First-days, and on other Days, when thou hast Time, to read the Scriptures, and Friends Books, and spend less Time in reading History; though I don't say there is Harm in so doing, if it don't too much employ thy Mind: For these Things will be of little worth at last: I hope thou wilt think on my Words, when my Body is in the Dust. And he prayed on this wise, O Lord, who doth hear and see in all Places, let it be good in thy Sight to look upon me a poor Mortal; comfort and

*strengthen thou me, against the time that thou mayst see it convenient to take me out of this World: And if there be any under great Trouble, Lord, do thou help them.*

The Morning before he departed, a Friend asked him, *how he did?* His Answer was, *I am very well; I can wait bravely to Day, better than at any Time before;* and desired his Father to wait with him that Day; and also intreated both his Father and Mother to pray to the Lord for him: And gave good Advice to his Sisters, *to shun vain Company;* adding, *through the Goodness and Mercy of the Lord I am going to a good Place.* And said, *don't despise your Father and Mother.* Farther speaking to them all, he said, *When I am departed, be you silent, and have a care you make no Noise; but for Weeping, you cannot help that.* And then he said, *Turn me on my Right side, and I will trust in the Lord.* These were his last Words that he spoke, and so slept about half an Hour, and departed this Life without struggling, as if he had fallen into his natural Sleep.

He died the 16th Day of the twelfth Month in the Year 1698, aged nineteen Years and three Months.

RICHARD



**R**ICHARD SAMBLE was born at a Place call'd *Pen-ball* in the Parish of *Enoder* in the County of *Cornwall*, and baptized according to the manner of the Church of *England* the 24th of the fifth Month 1644, and his Education was according; in which he continued until it pleased God to call him by his Grace, and to reveal his Son in him, which was about the Year 1666, at which Time the Lord sent some of his Messengers, called *Quakers*, into those Parts, to make known the Way of Salvation, and to turn People from Darkness to Light; whose Testimony he received and closed with, and, like *Ephraim*, lamented his mispent Time, under a Form without Power; and then joined himself to the Lord and his People, as in a perpetual Covenant that can never be broken. He was brought into deep Humility, and sat down in Silence in the Assemblies of God's People for several Years; in Tenderness, Fear and Trembling, waiting upon the Lord for that Wisdom



which was from above. And sometimes when his Heart was filled with the Power of the Lord, he would in much Tendernefs speak a Sentence or two in a Meeting of God's People, which was received and accepted. And though his Presence was contemptible to the great Men, Rabbies, Orators and Disputers of this World, yet his Testimony was made powerful to many.

He was improved in his Gift for the Work of the Ministry, through great Diligence; and in his last six Years he travelled frequently from County to County, visiting the Meetings of Friends in many Parts of *England* and *Wales*. And at his Return from his Journies he fell diligently to his Trade, which was a *Taylor*, for the Help of his Family.

He gave up his weak Body to spend and be spent in God's Service, and was as careful of his Time, as if he had seen the Shadows of the Evening stretched out.

He adorned his Testimony by a circumspect Life, and he was very temperate; and all Things were so sanctified to him in the Fear of the Lord, that he was a sweet Savour in his Day. His

Wife

Wife did not remember that ever she heard him speak one unsavory Word, during the Twelve Years she was his Wife ; and contented in every Condition ; exhorting her and his Children to live in God's Fear. And in the Church he was a nursing Father ; never sparing his Labour, though many Times through much Difficulty, to visit the People of God, both in Season and out of Season ; rebuking some, exhorting others, and comforting and confirming many in that heavenly Power that accompanied him ; being willing to serve the Lord with all his Heart, Mind, Understanding and Strength.

About the first Month 1680, being then on his Travels (and having been weak some Months before) he was taken sick at *Pool* in *Dorsetshire* ; from whence (expecting to see them no more) he wrote an Epistle to Friends in *Cornwall*, the County where he was born, and where he received Truth, and also where his Family dwelt ; which is as followeth ;

*To Friends in Cornwall.*

*Dear Friends,*

**I** Send this Salutation, as though it  
 were my last unto you, wherein I  
 take my Leave of you in the Lord  
 Jesus Christ, desiring you all may  
 obey the Truth, and live and die in  
 it. And the many sweet and heavenly  
 Opportunities which my Soul hath  
 had with you, are fresh in my Re-  
 membrance. And now, *dear Hearts,*  
 my Body grows very weak, but my  
 Soul is strong in the Lord, who hath  
 greatly renewed the lasting Seal of  
 his Love unto my Soul this Morning.  
 Oh ! how could I sleep when my  
 Heart was so awakened unto the  
 blessed Sense of my Acquaintance  
 with the Lord, which sounded through  
 my Soul, That my Name should not  
 be blotted out of the Book of Life,  
 and of the holy City, the heavenly  
*Jerusalem*, whose Foundation is full  
 of precious Stones, and the River of  
 the Water of Life flows ; where the  
 Gates are not shut all Day, neither  
 is any Night there : Which, when  
 my

‘ my Soul heard, my Heart was dissolved and broken within me, and  
 ‘ my Head was as it were turned into  
 ‘ Water, and mine Eyes gushed out  
 ‘ with Tears, in the Consideration of  
 ‘ the endless Love of God to such a  
 ‘ poor Creature as I.

‘ Now, *dear Friends*, who are truly  
 ‘ near me in the Lord, you know the  
 ‘ Time of our first Knowledge and  
 ‘ Acquaintance, which was a Time of  
 ‘ Love, and to this Day my Heart is  
 ‘ filled with the same towards you,  
 ‘ though I am like, as to the outward,  
 ‘ to see your Faces no more.

‘ Oh *Friends* ! be not ensnared nor  
 ‘ entangled with Things of this World,  
 ‘ nor let your Minds go out of Truth,  
 ‘ and so lose the everlasting Stay and  
 ‘ Support of your Souls in the last  
 ‘ Day ; but rather let go all, and hold  
 ‘ fast the Truth, and keep your Hearts  
 ‘ from being over-run with the World’s  
 ‘ Spirit ; and so will the Spirit of Truth  
 ‘ spring up in you as a Well to refresh  
 ‘ your Souls.

‘ And all you, whose Hearts are  
 ‘ truly tendered to the Lord, whose  
 ‘ Trials and Exercises are not a few,

' be not daunted nor discouraged, al-  
 ' though the Enemy may seek to  
 ' frighten you with many Temptations, and  
 ' would seek to lead you out of the Fellow-  
 ' ship with your Dying-day ; which  
 ' Exercise my Soul has sometimes  
 ' passed under. But blessed be the Lord  
 ' for ever, the Enemy is found a Lyar ;  
 ' for the Lord has been pleased to make  
 ' this Sick-Bed to me better than a King's  
 ' Palace ; and I have great Fellowship  
 ' with my last Day, and do rejoyce in the  
 ' Lord, who doth so sweetly visit me  
 ' with the glorious Light of his Coun-  
 ' tenance : It is with me, as it is with  
 ' one who has travell'd many weary  
 ' Journeys, and at last is come to the  
 ' Sight of his desired End, which when  
 ' he sees, greatly rejoices in a Sense of  
 ' a further Satisfaction which he shall  
 ' after enjoy ; even so it is with me,  
 ' who have passed no Opportunity where  
 ' I saw the Way of Life clear and  
 ' open before me, but have been ready  
 ' Night and Day to do the Will, and  
 ' answer the Requirings of the Lord ;  
 ' and so running, as one in a Race,  
 ' knowing my Time that it is but short :  
 ' And blessed be the Lord, I have great  
 ' Peace



• Peace and Satisfaction in this my weak  
 • and low Condition; and satisfied, seeing  
 • my Lot was not at this Time among  
 • you, that it is here in this Place;  
 • and I hope it will be well, whether I  
 • live or die.

• And so my dear and well-beloved  
 • Friends, dwell in Love one with ano-  
 • ther, walking in the unspotted Life,  
 • so shall you grow up as pleasant Plants  
 • in the Garden of the Lord, and the  
 • Dew of Life will more and more de-  
 • scend upon you, and this you will feel  
 • from Day to Day; and when you  
 • shall come to your latter End, your  
 • Reward will be sure with the Lord.

• I have much in my Heart towards  
 • you, but my Strength fails me; only  
 • this I desire of you, seeing I am like  
 • to leave my Wife and tender Babes  
 • with you (whom I know not whether  
 • I shall see more) great is my Love and  
 • tender Respect to them, for we have  
 • liv'd from the Beginning as two  
 • joined together by the Lord, who  
 • gives Victory over the World; be-  
 • lieving, that when I am gone, the  
 • Care of my God will be over them;  
 • and I have been a tender Father to

‘ them, and they have been to me very  
 ‘ tender Children, and my Wife hath  
 ‘ been to me as Bone of my Bone, and  
 ‘ Flesh of my Flesh, yet I must leave  
 ‘ both her and them unto the Lord.

‘ And this I would leave with you,  
 ‘ my dear Brethren and Sisters, who  
 ‘ have known me from the Beginning,  
 ‘ that you esteem of her, when I am  
 ‘ gone, as one who was Wife to him  
 ‘ that was made willing in this Day to  
 ‘ spend and be spent for God’s Truth,  
 ‘ and his Churches Sake ; and I desire  
 ‘ you in the Lord Jesus Christ, that my  
 ‘ dear Wife may meet with no Discou-  
 ‘ ragements from you ; she is a tender  
 ‘ Woman ; and then you will be en-  
 ‘ couragers of her. I know, when  
 ‘ this comes to your Hands there will  
 ‘ be no want of Sorrow ; but I trust in  
 ‘ my God, that both my dear Wife and  
 ‘ you will be so endowed with the  
 ‘ Power and Presence of the Lord, that  
 ‘ if you should hear of my going hence,  
 ‘ that you will conclude, as becomes  
 ‘ true Christians, *That you must come to*  
 ‘ *me, and that I cannot come to you.*

‘ And so my dear Friends, in the  
 ‘ opening free Love of God, which this  
 ‘ Morning

‘ Morning my Soul is visited withal, I  
 ‘ dearly salute you, desiring the Lord  
 ‘ may be an Husband to my dear Wife,  
 ‘ and a Father to my Children, and  
 ‘ you Friends to both.

‘ And whereas I have never been  
 ‘ wanting in my Labour and Service for  
 ‘ the Glory of the Lord and your  
 ‘ Good, when with you; and if the  
 ‘ Lord yet lengthen my Days, I trust I  
 ‘ shall be as ready and as willing as  
 ‘ ever I have been; so conclude in a  
 ‘ sweet and living Sense of that Love  
 ‘ which will never die, *My Wife’s dear*  
 ‘ *Husband, my Childrens tender Father,*  
 ‘ *and your own dear Friend and Brother,*  
 ‘ *in the immortal Seed of Life,* where  
 ‘ we are nearly and dearly related one  
 ‘ to another.

‘ RICHARD SAMBLE.’

Pool, the first of the  
 first Month, 1680.

Thus our dear Friend had a true  
 Sense of his Death; and this Letter  
 manifests that he was a true Christian, a  
 good Husband, a tender Father, and a  
 faithful

faithful Friend and Brother; and it was his dying and last Words to them, as he said, for he did not live to see his Family and Friends in that County to whom he did write, tho' he continued some Weeks after this.

Recovering a little Strength, he was desirous to be at home with his Wife and small Children, and Relations in Cornwall; and in order to it, he travelled in much Weakness to *Topsham*, and after a few Days Rest he reached to *Champet*, near *Mourton* in *Devonshire*, and there he fell into a Relapse, and his Wife came to him. The Day before his Departure, taking Leave of his Wife, he said, *Oh! my dear Wife, come hither to me, and let me take thee in my Arms once more. The Lord will be to thee an Husband, and a Father to our little Children, as thou abidest faithful to the Lord.* Then, after a few Words more to her, he prayed a considerable Time; yea, as long as Life lasted, he was praising and magnifying the Lord. And to a Friend who visited him a little before his Death, as he lay weak on his Bed, he declared how well it was with him; that he did give up to the Lord's Requirings,

to spend and be spent for the Churches Sake ; and said, He knew his Time would be but short, and Labours, Travels and Exercises would have their End, and be no more ; with many more heavenly Expressions in much Tenderness, with Tears running down his Cheeks ; which was a great Comfort to the Friends present.

So he finished his Testimony, and slept with his Fathers, the 15th of the third Month, in the Year 1680, and is enter'd into Rest from his Labours, and his Works follow him. Aged 36 Years.

**J**AMES MARTYN, born at *East-Aston* in the County of *Middlesex*, in the Year 1646, was convinced of Truth in the Year 1672. He was a Man whose Conversation adorned the Doctrine of Christ Jesus, which he preached, and faithfully and zealously laboured to spread the Truth abroad ; on which Account he travelled in *America* as well as in *England*. The first Time he went to *America* was in the Year 1682, and he returned into *England* in the Beginning of 1684 ; and went over into *America*



*America* a second Time in 1685, and returned again in the latter Part of 1687: After which, he continued labouring in the Ministry, according to the Gift of Christ received.

He was a weakly Man in Body, and was taken sick when he was abroad on a Journey in *Essex*; and being near his End, he said as followeth, *Good is the Lord, great is his Work which he hath wrought in the Hearts of his People, to whom he hath given Power to follow him faithfully in the Regeneration, through great Tribulations, and hath made their Garments white in the Blood of the Lamb, who hath cleansed and redeemed them from the vain Conversation of the World: So that the Image of the earthly is done away, and the Image of the heavenly is born: And their Conversation and Treasure is in Heaven, and it is their Hearts Delight to be there also.* In which blessed Work, this dear Servant of the Lord made a good Progress, even to the finishing of his Course with Joy; and he received Witness in himself that he pleased God, to his great Consolation.

-In the Time of his Sicknes he had free Access to the Lord, who was pleased

to give him the Returns of his divine Love and Life, to the overcoming of his Heart and Soul, and Comfort of them who were with him. O! the Heart-breaking Power that attended him Night and Day, which caused him to sing forth Praises to the God of his Life. And he often said, *Oh! precious it is to dwell low with the Lord! not to aspire too high, but to keep in the low Valley, where the Streams of Life flow freely.* Again he said, *Oh my dear God, how good art thou to me! Thy Goodness breaks my Heart! My dear Father, I have loved thee ever since I knew thee! I have followed thee faithfully ever since I did know thy Truth! Thou blessed God! let all that is within me praise thy name! Thou hast given me a good Reward! Death is swallowed up of Life: Thou hast given me Victory over the Grave, my Soul longs to be with thee my sweet Father! With much more, even continually praising the Lord, and rejoicing in his Mercy; admonishing Friends who visited him, to live in the Life of their Profession: Saying, For a Profession without Life will stand none in Stead when they come to die: For it is a dreadful Con-*  
*dition*

*tion to see Death approaching, and the  
 Terrors of God lye upon the Conscience for  
 Disobedience. Ob it is a blessed Thing,  
 when Death approaches, to know Peace  
 and Consolation with the Lord, and an  
 Answer of well done. He afterwards  
 said, Ob what a blessed Thing it is to feel  
 Life. Friends, Life is that which will  
 make your Hearts glad. When his Speech  
 was almost gone, those about him  
 could many Times hear him say, My  
 Soul praises the Lord, my Soul is glad with  
 thy Joy. And so finished this Life in  
 great Peace with the Lord, on the 30th  
 Day of the eighth Month, in the Year  
 1691, at the House of John Salmon of  
 Bocking, near Brantry in Essex, and was  
 buried in Friends Burial-ground at Rat-  
 cliff near London, the 3d of the ninth  
 Month following. Aged 45 Years.*

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**M**ARY MOLLINEUX, Wife of  
 Henry Mollineux of Liverpool in  
 Lancashire, ( her Maiden - name was  
 Southworth ) was one who in her Child-  
 hood was much afflicted with weak Eyes,  
 which made her unfit for the usual  
 Employment of Girls ; but being of a  
 large

large natural Capacity, quick and studiously inclined, her Father brought her up to more Learning than is commonly bestowed on her Sex; in which she became so good a Proficient, that she well understood the *Latin* Tongue, and fluently discoursed in it, and made a considerable Progress also in the *Greek*; she wrote several Hands well, and was a good *Arithmetician*; as also in the Study of several useful Arts; and had a good understanding in *Physick* and *Surgery*, delighting in the Study of Nature, and to admire the great God of Nature in the various Operations of his Power and Goodness, &c. She was one who loved the blessed Truth (and they who walked according to it) from a Child, being early convinced thereof, and was not satisfied with a Profession of Religion only, but earnest for the Life of it, both in herself and others: Not proud nor conceited of her Parts and Learning, but was adorned with Humility: Plain and decent in her Clothes, which she valued for Service more than Sight; she lov'd to read the Holy Scriptures, and delighted much in Solitude, setting  
apart

apart some Time in the Day for Retirement.

She delighted in frequenting the religious Meetings of the People called *Quakers*, and suffer'd Imprisonment for the same in *Lancaster-castle*, in the Year 1684. Afterwards she was married to *Henry Mollineux*, to whom she was a loving Wife, an affectionate Mother to her Children, and a kind, charitable Neighbour, especially to such as were in Distress, sick, or in Affliction, tho' never so poor, giving both Advice and Medicines to them that stood in Need; whereby she was made an Instrument of Good to many. She was noble in the enduring Hardships upon the Account of her Husband's Imprisonment, which was several Times; and for him, and his Fellow-sufferers she made Application to Dr. *Stratford*, Bishop of *Chester*, they being imprisoned upon the Writ *De Excommunicato Capiendo*, for not appearing at the Bishop's Court, though they had no Citation, or lawful Notice given them; and after her Discourse with the Bishop, he was so favourable, that they were set at Liberty. But afterwards the Priest, that prosecuted them



them before, threatned them again,  
which she having understood, spoke these  
Words, and one took them down in  
Writing, as followeth:

*Even what the hungry Wolf in Field  
would do*

*To feeding Lambs, so will the Wretch to  
you:*

*The cruel Priest, fierce, covetous, unjust,  
For Money, not for Souls, doth cark  
and lust.*

She writ many Poems upon religious  
Subjects (which were printed for pub-  
lick Service) having a Gift that way.

Upon the 8th of the tenth Month  
1695, she was taken with Sickness,  
under which she continued near a  
Month; about nine Days after she was  
taken ill, she said, *I am well content,  
if the Lord see meet, that he take me  
away; for my Pain is great, and I know  
not what in this World I should stay to  
enjoy, except it be my Husband, and my  
little Lads (her two Sons) of whom she  
then said, I would rather have my Chil-  
dren enriched with the Fear of the Lord,  
than with all manner of worldly Riches.*  
She grew daily weaker, inclining to  
Sleepiness,

Sleepiness, yet would sit up five or six Hours at a time towards Evening, and discourse freely; and said to her Husband, *That she was well satisfied, that if the Lord took her away by that Distemper, she should be eternally happy; with more comfortable Expressions, that are not yet down. And one Evening it was thought she would have died; but recovering somewhat, she spoke in Latin, of being clothed hereafter; whereby they understood that she was minding how the Lord would cloath her, when her mortal Cloathing was put off.*

Her Husband asking her, *If she had any Thing in her Mind concerning her Children, or any other Thing farther to communicate to him?* She soon reply'd in Latin, *Why speakest thou such Things?* (as if all temporal Things were out of her Thoughts) *Dost not thou understand me?* He reply'd, *Yes, very well, she spoke of spiritual Things; she answered, Yes; but she had nothing concerning outward Things farther to say.*

The next Morning, her Breath being short, and her Husband expecting her Departure, he expressed to Friends present somewhat of his Concern for her;

to whom she said, *Ne nimis sollicitus esto* :  
*Be not thou over-much careful or troubled :*  
 When Company was present she some-  
 times spoke in *Latin*, when she intended  
 it only to her Husband. Afterwards  
 being asked, *how she did ?* her Answer  
 was, *Drawing nearer and nearer ;* with  
 many other sweet and good Sentences,  
 and so departed without any Noise,  
 Sigh, or Groan, on the 3d Day of the  
 eleventh Month in the Year 1695, in  
 the Evening, aged 44 Years.

Here followeth a Contemplation of  
*M. Mollineux*, written when a Maid.

Of the Presence of God.

*How amiable is thy Presence, Lord !*  
*Oh how desirable thy holy Word !*  
*Tbo' as a Fire or Hammer it appear,*  
*To burn or batter down whatever's dear*  
*To sinful Flesh & Blood: Thy Judgments be*  
*Exceeding sweet and pleasant unto me ;*  
*For Sion's Children are redeem'd thereby,*  
*And purify'd from their Iniquity.*  
*Yea, everlasting Righteousness brought in,*  
*Her Converts ransom'd from ensnaring Sin.*  
*And thy Salvation is hereby reveal'd*  
*Nearer, and thy great Mercies are unseal'd*  
*When*

*When Judgment is brought forth to Victory,  
 That thine may walk with thee in Purity.  
 Th's teach us daily patiently to wait  
 In holy Awe, to know this happy State  
 Confirm'd and seal'd unto us, that we may  
 Reign with the Lamb in the eternal Day:  
 Then may we to the Praise of Sion's King,  
 A Song of Judgment and of Mercy sing.*

**A**NDREW TAYLOR received  
 Truth in the Year, 1672, when  
 it pleased God to visit many about the  
 Borders of England in Cumberland, in  
 sending his Servants to declare the  
 Word of Life amongst them; and  
 through his Faithfulness and true Zeal  
 for the Lord, he came to be wonderfully  
 changed, and suffered several Imprison-  
 ments for meeting among the Lord's  
 People. A Man diligent in Business,  
 faithful and upright among Men. His  
 way was, to be better than he appeared,  
 so that People loved and esteemed him:  
 And after several Years having approved  
 himself just and honest towards Men,  
 God bestowed his heavenly Riches upon  
 him, and called him to the Work of

the Ministry about the Year 1679, fitting him for the same, so that by him many were convinced of the Truth and right Way of the Lord, not only in his own Country where he was best known, but in other Parts; for he travelled diligently in many Parts of this Nation, and also in Scotland and Ireland. He was zealous to reprove Sin, and careful to preach the Gospel freely, his own Endeavours sufficiently supplying his Necessities. At last his Body being much spent through his many Labours and Travels, a universal Weakness or Consumption seiz'd him, having little Pain or Sickness, and so grew weaker and weaker: And, being satisfied that his End drew near, there continued a Travail upon his Spirit, *That the Lord God that had been with him, and borne him up in many deep Trials and Exercises, would accept of him into his Rest.* And the Friends present were Witnesses of the Hope that he had in his latter End. And a little before he died, he prayed, saying, *Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly; for now I am ready.*

Being filled with heavenly Joy, he departed this Life the 3d Day of the



third Month, in the Year 1698, in the 55th Year of his Age, and about 19 Years a Preacher of the Gospel.

**E**LIZABETH COPPERTHWAITE, Wife of *Hugh Copperthwaite* of *Flushing* in *Long-Island* in *America*, was convinced of Truth, about the Year 1652, in the north Part of *Old England*, and continued therein faithful to the End. She was a Woman serviceable in the Church of Christ in several Respects, as well by a publick Testimony to the blessed Truth, which she bore in much Plainness and Sincerity, delighting in the Prosperity of Truth, and of the People of God; and had true Judgment when to speak, and when to be silent; and divided between the Precious and the Vile, being tender to the Broken-hearted, but as a Sword against that which was Evil, and which tended to Division in the Church of Christ; very desirous that the young Generation might grow up in the Life of Truth, as well as in the Education thereof.

She was at times sick several Months before she died, which she endured with

with great Contentedness, often expressing the Love of God to her, and said, *That she felt his heavenly Presence.* In the Time of her Sickness, she bore many faithful Testimonies to the Glory of the worthy Name of God, strengthening and encouraging Friends in his Work and Service, and against the Spirit of Separation; for the Lord had sealed it upon her Heart, that that which leads out of the heavenly Unity, and brotherly Fellowship, was a false Spirit, and not of the Father: And she often said, *That such could not be Heirs with the true Seed.* And exhorted those about her, against the Superfluity of the World; shewing them the ill Consequence thereof. And those Friends who came to see her, she exhorted them to Faithfulness, saying, *There is nothing like it.*

She continued sensible to the last, and departed this Life on the 15th of the tenth Month, in the Year 1697.

**W**ILLIAM WILSON, of Longdale-chapel in the County of Westmoreland, was a Man of an Innocent Life; and though he had little of outward Learning, yet God was pleased to teach him himself, and called him to bear a Testimony to his Name; and he did it faithfully, not only in many Parts of this Nation, but in Germany, and was several Times in Scotland.

He was a Man of a lowly and meek Spirit, upright and just among his Neighbours, which caused them often to submit their Matters in Difference to his Arbitration, in which he was careful to find out the Truth and Ground of Things, and would never countenance Deceit; and in this Service he had Success, seldom missing his desired End, viz. To make Peace. Faithful he was in his Testimony for the Truth, and a Sufferer for the same in the Prison at Kendal, in the Year 1666, and several other Times afterwards, as well as by Distress on his Goods. Besides that, He suffer'd cruel Mockings, Stockings, Stoning

Stoning, Blows and Wounds by cruel Usage, both from Priests and People; particularly at *Eshdale* in *Cumberland*, where he exhorted the People to mind that of God in their Consciences, and turn to that holy Light and Law which he had put into their inward Parts, that by the same they might come to know the Will of God, and do it. Because of these and such like Words, one *Parker* a Priest, in cruel Rage did beat and wound him, and with one of his Crutches broke his Head, and caused the Blood to run down his Shoulders; and the Priest being lame, and not able as he would to effect his cruel Purpose, caused his Horse to be brought, on which he mounted, and in the Sight of the People broke his Staff in three Pieces upon *William's* bare Head, which made the People cry out against such merciless Works; but before the said *Parker* got Home he was struck with Sicknesse, that he never came more to the Steeple-house; and during the Time of his Sicknesse, he was very loathsome, stinking above the Ground, and so died.

A few Weeks after, the said *W. Williams* went to the same Place at *Eshdale*,

and for speaking a few Words to the People, one *Fogo* a Priest, took him by the Hair of his Head, pull'd him to the Ground, and drew him out of the Sreeples-house; and also in Rage and Cruelty abused his Brother *Michael Wilson*; but a few Months after, this same *Fogo* riding over some Sands, accompanied with several People, fell into a Quick-sand and was immediately smothered.

*William Wilson* left behind him a Widow and two Daughters, to whom he was a true Husband, and a tender Father, instructing his Children to keep in the Fear of the Lord, and to walk in the Way of Truth, which he walked in himself. Often saying to them, *It would be the best Portion that they could enjoy.*

His Sickness was short: Being lately come off a long Journey, wherein his Body was much spent and weak, he said, *I have not served the Lord unfruitfully: I have no Trouble upon me: And I am very sensible that all is well with me.* And again he said, *He was content, whatsoever Way the Lord pleased: He was as a Dove harmless; and, as a Lamb innocent.* And again, a few Hours before



he died, at which Time he walked several times over the Room, he said, as he had often before, *My Peace far exceeds my Pain.* And, standing upon his Feet, between two Friends, he said, *Oh that every one would mind the Lord, that they might keep Life.* And then he sat down, and drew Breath no more.

He deceas'd at his own House at Longdale chapel street in Westmorland, the 10th of the fifth Month, in the Year 1682.

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**M**ARY WATSON, Wife of Samuel Watson of the County of York, was one who, for the Sake of the blessed Truth, denied herself, and was made willing to part with those Things which she thought stood in her Way, abhorring all manner of Evil; and was a tender nursing Mother, nourishing, exhorting, and building up the Young in the most holy Faith: Though weak in Body, she was much given to Fasting on religious Accounts, and giving of Alms; spending much of her Time in private Retirement, frequent in Prayer and praising the Lord, delighting in

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Meditations, like *Mary*, of whom our Lord said, *had chosen that good Part, which shall not be taken away from her,* Luke x. 42. And whilst she had Strength of Body to go to publick Meetings, she had a Word to speak in Season, suitable to the States and Conditions of many; and also was instrumental in the Lord's Hand, in the keeping Things in good Order, relating to Church Affairs.

In the Time of her Weakness of Body, she was sometimes under Fears of her great Passage from Mortality; but through Travail of Soul, in the living Faith which she received of Christ the Author of it, she was kept stedfast, and obtained Victory, which God in his own Time manifested to her Soul. And afterwards she made Acknowledgments of the same to the Refreshment of others.

Several Weeks before her Decease, she gave an Account, *That the Work of Redemption was wrought and compleated; and all Doubts and Fears were removed; and now she waited to be dissolved, and to be with Christ that redeemed and sanctified her: so that as a wise Virgin, she was prepared*

prepared to enter into eternal Joy; and she was filled with Praises, while she had any Strength remained in her Vitals; and her Eye was to that heavenly Family, out of all the Families of the Earth, where she gladly desired to be rejoicing with her dear Children and Relations gone before, (as often her Expression was)

And she had a tender Regard to her Offspring which she left behind, that they might through the Grace of God, be gathered to Christ Jesus the heavenly Shepherd; with many heavenly Prayers for them, and her Exhortation to them who were with her; and also for those absent. (On her dying Bed) was, *That they might walk humbly before the Lord their Creator, and watch against all the evil Temptations of this World, the Flesh, and the Vanity and Lusts thereof; that no Pride, vain Glory, or Intemperance, they might be captivated with; but abiding in the holy Fear of God, all Evil would be suppressed and slain upon the Cross; and Humility, Righteousness, Meekness of Spirit, and Holiness, should grow up in them, and be not only to them an inward Comfort, but also a never-fading Portion;*

At last, all visible Helps and outward Enjoyments failing, she had the Lord for her Portion, and kept in Possession of that heavenly Treasure in her Soul, and fed upon that living Bread and Wine of the Kingdom, which she is now in the more full Enjoyment of. She spoke often of her being *surrounded with the Glory of the Lamb*, and was sensible in her Expressions to the last few Hours; and said to her Husband, *Love, pray for me.* So gave up the Ghost in a sweet still manner, on the 2d Day of the ninth Month, in the Year 1694.

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*Of a young Maid about Nineteen Years of Age.*

**G**RACE WATSON, Daughter of Samuel Watson of the County of York, was well inclined from her Infancy, being subject to her Parents, and hating a Lye; and in the latter part of her Time, was much given to Retirement and Reading.

In the Time of her Sicknes she had more than ordinary Concern in a Travail of Spirit and combating with the Ene.



my of her Soul, in which Exercise she kept close to the Power of an endless Life inwardly ; but made no great Appearance until the Lord had given her Victory over the Enemy, and deliver'd her from his secret Temptations ; for having passed through the Ministration of Judgment, her Enemy, the crooked Serpent (as she expressed herself) was driven far from her Dwelling, so that nothing hindered her Refreshments ; and the Well springing up, her Joy was great, and thro' her Experience she sung the Song of Moses, and the Song of the Lamb, in a spiritual Triumph, with Humiliation and Brokenness of Spirit. And she spoke seasonably and distinctly concerning the Wiles of the Devil, who, she said, had laid his Snares in Trades, Dealings, and Conversation in the World, and also in Families, &c. And though, according to common Prudence, one would have advis'd her to Silence (her Weakness of Body considered) yet she was so full, and had such Constraint upon her, that Words flow'd from her a long time in great Sweetness and heavenly Refreshment, so much that those with her were



were humbled before the Lord, in the Sense of his Presence, which caused many Tears.

And as any came into her Chamber, whether her Friends (called Quakers) or others, she had a suitable Testimony, as if she had felt no Weakness of Body; so that much was spoken, which was not taken down: Some of that which was taken, is as followeth;

Oh heavenly Father! what hast thou done for me this Night? How hast thou removed the crooked Serpent! And not only removed him, but taken him quite away: so that I can say truly, Oh heavenly Father thy Will be done! Thou hast shone in upon me with thy marvelous Light & thou hast shew'd me the Glory of thy House, the most glorious Place that ever my Eyes beheld: Neither did I think thou hast such a Place for any, much less for me a poor Worm, a Pelican, once ready to think myself destitute.

Again she said, But now both the Lord taken me up; he hath removed the crooked Serpent; so that I can say, I despise him, I despise him.

And further said to the Lord, If thou requires my Life this Night of me, I freely

freely give it unto thee: Oh heavenly Father, thy Will be done; and if thou hast farther Work for me, keep me in that which I now enjoy, for there will my greatest Care be, meaning to be kept therein.

And she said, Thou hast made my Cup to run over, over, over. O heavenly Father, thou hast taken away all my Pain: I am as if I ailed nothing, though of myself I could do nothing, scarce move one of my Fingers, my Tongue being ready to cleave to the Roof of my Mouth; but thou hast been a Light to my Feet, and a Lantern to my Path: How can I cease praising thee thou God of Power, thou art more unto me than Corn, Wine and Oil. Thy Love is sweeter to my Taste than the Honey, or the Honey-comb. Oh! It is more to be valued than the costly Pearls, and the rich Rubies: The Gold of Ophir is not to be compared unto it. O blessed, O praised, O magnified be thou for ever.

When she was asked, how she did? her Reply was, I am but weak of Body, but strong in the Lord, and in the Power of his Might.

Once she was questioning something, but she checked herself, Why do I say My Case is no doubting one, the Lord bath

bath created a clean Heart, and renewed  
 a right Spirit within me, so that all Fears  
 and Doubts are taken away. For, she  
 added, the Gates are open, and the Angels  
 are ready to receive me into the Bosom of  
 my heavenly Father, where I shall sing  
 Praises with his redeemed Ones.

It was not perceived, in all the Time  
 of her Sickness, that she desired to  
 live; but many Times she said as above,  
 If thou requires my Life this Night, it is  
 freely given to thee. Oh! Lord, do with me  
 what thou pleasest; Oh! heavenly Fa-  
 ther, thy Will be done. What hast thou  
 done for me a poor Stripling in Comparison  
 of many? Thou hast made my Bed, thou  
 hast taken away my Pain, and my Sick-  
 ness is gone. And so lay all that Day,  
 with many other times, in this Frame  
 of Spirit.

And she said, The Lord had a People  
 in this City, and other Parts, that he will  
 take to himself, and crown with Glory and  
 Honour. And she exhorted those pre-  
 sent, To prize their Time, and not to give  
 themselves too much to the Things of this  
 World. How many, said she, have laid  
 up great Riches, earthly Treasure, and in  
 one Night have been deprived of all.

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Her Sister weeping by her, she said, Weep not; remember David and be comforted; the Tongue of Men and Angels cannot declare the wonderful Greatness of God. O heavenly Father, how sensible of thee hast thou made me? Thou hast strengthened me, otherwise I should not have been able to speak so much of thee. With thee is Fulness of Joy, and at thy right Hand are Rivers of Pleasure for evermore.

And she spoke of the Parable of the ten Virgins, Oh! therefore, said she, keep upon your Watch-tower, that whether he come at Midnight, or Cock-crow, or Dawning of the Day, be ready, for that is the Wedding-chamber indeed, and he is the heavenly Bridegroom.

Speaking of her Parents and Relations, who, she said, were as near unto her, as the Flesh to the Bone; and taking her Sister by the Hand, she said to her, Though we be separated outwardly, we shall meet in the Kingdom of Glory. Oh! (said she) what Cause have I to bless the Lord on their Behalf, whom I am sure never countenanced any Evil in any of us, but reprov'd it. The Words of my dear and tender Mother I do remember since I  
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was but ten Years of Age, who said; He had fought the good Fight of Faith, and the Crown of Glory was laid up for her. These Words having remained upon my Mind, and taken deep Impresson upon me, I can now say, I finish my Course with Joy, and shall receive the Crown of Glory.

And she farther said, That the Lord was a God at hand in six Troubles, and in seven; nay, if thou bringest me to the eighth, thou wilt never leave me. Such was her Confidence in the Lord. And so she departed this Life in London, Vith 20th of the sixth Month, in the Year 1688, aged nineteen Years and nine Months.

**G**EORGE HARRISON, of the Parish of Killington in the County of Westmoreland, came of a Family of Note in the World, and underwent some Hardship from his Relations upon the Account of Truth, which he received in the Year 1652, and soon after travelled in the Service of the Gospel, in many Counties of England, through great Afflictions, Sufferings and Persecutions.



secution, from those who were high in Profession of Religion in that Day.

He was an able Minister of Jesus Christ, and valiant for the Lord. When he came into a Meeting of Professions, he would challenge of them *the Order of the true Church*, according to 1 Cor. xiv. 30. which is, *If any Thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his Peace.*

In the latter part of his Time he went Southward, and came to Edmundsbury in Suffolk, and declared Truth through the Streets of that Town; afterwards he went to an Inn there, desiring some Refreshment for his Money, but they would not entertain him; so he went to Bradfield-manger, and set up his Horse in an Inn, and call'd for something to eat and drink; but they perceiving by his Language that he was a Quaker, refused also to entertain him, and led his Horse out of the Stable; for which Cruelty he meekly returned to them, in the Words of Christ, *Mat. xxv. 43. viz. I was a Stranger, and ye took me not in:* So that this innocent young Man was obliged to ride abroad all Night, and it being a very wet Season,

son, and he having been tenderly brought up, took a great Cold: So he went to *Haveril*, a Town between *Suffolk* and *Essex*, where the People grievously did beat him for his Testimony to the Truth; which Hardship, with the great Cold that he had received by being forced abroad all Night without Food, greatly injured his Health, and put him in a Fever; after which, with Difficulty he got to *Coggeshall* in *Essex*, and was kindly received by *Robert Ludgater*; and afterwards he removed to the House of *Thomas Creek* of *Little-coggeshall*, a Mile further.

During his Sickness, he felt the Love and Peace of God to be with him, and said to the Friends about him, *Come Friends, rejoice with me*: And so lay praising God to the last Hour.

He died at the House of *Thomas Creek* afore said, aged about 26 Years, and was buried in the Orchard of *Thomas Sparrow, Tanner* at *Stisted* in *Essex*, the latter End of the fifth Month, in the Year 1656.

**ELIZABETH**

**E**LIZABETH BARKER, Wife of John Barker, Merchant in Tower-street, London, being sick, a Friend went to visit her; and when she understood that he was below, she caused those present to withdraw, and sent for him up, who asking her, how she did? She wept and said, I am a poor weak Woman; and I have prayed to the Lord, that if I am to die of this Sickness, he would let me know it; and I do not see it yet, though I am weak enough to expect it. And she expressed much Concern for her three Children, if she should be taken away. The Friend answered, It was true, that Children are very near to tender Parents, but we ought to be resign'd, and commit them to God who gave them to us; and besides, if she should die, their Grand-father and Grand-mother Barker were not only able, but willing to take Care of them.

Upon which she seem'd somewhat satisfied: And after a Space of Silence she said, It is Assurance of my Peace with God that I do earnestly desire:

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And further said, ' For these two  
 ' Years past God has been at work in  
 ' my Heart, and I endeavoured to an-  
 ' swer his Will, and have deny'd myself  
 ' of some Things, but I have had a  
 ' Care not to do it in Imitation of others,  
 ' but from a Conviction in my own  
 ' Conscience, and I hope if I live, I  
 ' shall be faithful to God.' And said  
 ' moreover, ' And to keep those Cove-  
 ' nants that I have made with God.'  
 ' And afterwards she said, ' Oh, the Pre-  
 ' sence of God! it is that which my  
 ' Soul desires to enjoy; God has been  
 ' good to me many Times; for when  
 ' I have been alone at Home, as well  
 ' as in Meetings; the Lord has broken  
 ' in upon my Heart; and when I have  
 ' been troubled and exercised in my  
 ' Mind, I have gone in secret and pray-  
 ' ed to the Lord, and I know he has  
 ' heard me, and several Times answer-  
 ' ed my Prayer, not only for myself,  
 ' but for my Children also.' And  
 ' particularly she mentioned one Time,  
 ' when one of her Children was in Ap-  
 ' pearance near to Death. And she  
 ' bowed my Soul before the Lord,  
 ' with earnest Cries to him for my  
 ' Child,

Child, and the Child fell into a Sleep;  
 and awaked much better, even before  
 she took any Medicines.  
 After some Pause again, she asked  
 the Friend who was with her, What  
 his Thoughts were concerning her  
 Recovery? To which he reply'd,  
 He had little to say to that; and  
 desired her, to keep her Mind fix'd  
 upon the Lord, whom she acknow-  
 ledged, had mercifully visited her,  
 and she would find him still to extend  
 his Mercy and Favour to her with his  
 good Presence, which was the most  
 comfortable Support upon a Sick-  
 bed. She reply'd, God has been  
 with me in this Sickness, but I want  
 more of his Presence. And added,  
 In the first of my Sickness, and be-  
 fore, at times, I used to be terrified  
 with the Thoughts of Death; but  
 now it is not so, I am not afraid of  
 Death; that Fear is taken away.  
 For Yesterday they thought I was  
 dying, and they were in a great  
 Hurry about me; but I was not so in  
 myself, for I felt great Sweetness and  
 Stillness upon my Mind. And after-  
 wards she said, I don't find that the  
 Lord



‘ Lord doth lay any Thing to my  
‘ Charge.’

And speaking concerning her Child,  
which she then lay-in of, ‘ That she had  
‘ much desired a Son, she said, When  
‘ I was last Year in *Yorkshire*, God did  
‘ many Times visit my Soul, and I had  
‘ large Enjoyments of him : And one  
‘ Time praying to him, I fervently  
‘ asked the Lord to give me a Son ;  
‘ and now God has answered me in this  
‘ Request ; my Desire is (which she  
‘ spoke with much Concern) that when  
‘ he is grown up, he may be a Preach-  
‘ er of Righteousness.’ She spoke upon  
several Things, which is omitted, for  
she had a clear Understanding, and  
was in a right Mind and Frame of  
Spirit.

Another Time, the same Person  
visiting her, she desired all in the Room  
might be still, and she waited in much  
Retiredness of Mind, secretly breathing  
to the Lord in her Heart, and the  
Friend prayed by her, with whom she  
heartily joined ; upon his leaving her,  
she said, ‘ This has been a good Time,  
‘ I have many Visitors, but too few of  
‘ this kind : I have felt the Lord’s Pre-  
‘ sence,

sence, but he will be quickly gone again: I have not so much of these sweet Enjoyments as I desire.' — After some more that passed, he asked her, 'if she desired to speak with any particular Friend in the City, and he would acquaint them with it?' She answered, 'I have not, I am easy in my Mind.'

About three Days before her Departure, when it was thought she was dying, the same Friend being sent for, she told him, 'That she was willing to die, if it was the Will of God;' and gave him an Account of the Concern that she had upon her Mind, for a Relation who came lately to visit her, whose Sister had married one that was not called a *Quaker*; 'and, *said she*, I entreated her not to do the like; also I prayed her Mother, that she would not suffer it to be; and I desired her not to forsake the Truth, and God would never forsake her; and, *said she*, they both wept; and when she comes again, I will endeavour to make her promise me not to marry one that is not a Friend.' The Person reply'd, 'But then she must also keep

• keep her Promise; to which she earnestly answered, ' Ah! so she must.' The rest that she said at that Time is omitted; only, • that she had a great Desire to have spoken to the other Sister, which is marry'd, but, *she said,* • she was in the Country. Upon Her Father and Mother coming to visit her, found her in a heavenly Frame of Mind, and she said, ' O Mother, thou knowest that I have been afraid of Death, and how I have loved vain and foolish Things; but I have prayed to the Lord to forgive me all my Sins: And now, instead of that Fear of Death, there is much Sweetness upon my Soul; and all those vain Things I once loved, I now loath; and all the World is nothing to me.' With much more, expressing her Satisfaction and Peace of Conscience; and spoke of the exceeding Joy and Comfort that she felt, and how sweet the Presence of God was to her Soul; and she made heavenly Melody to God in her Heart, which tenderly affected the Minds of those present. Her Sickness increasing she grew weaker; and though some time before she

she did not see that she should die, yet afterwards was satisfied concerning her Departure ; and in order thereunto, bequeathed several Things to her Relations and Children, and gave Directions concerning the ordering of her Children and Family, and also where she would be buried ; and she received Assurance of her future Happiness : For a few Hours before her Decease, the said Friend before-mentioned, coming to visit her, found her very much spent, and her Kindred and Relations mourning about her, and he prayed, desiring *that all might submit their Wills to the Will of God, who giveth and taketh away as he pleaseth.* A considerable Time after he was gone, lying very still, she said, *The Voice said, Submit, submit ; and I say, I have submitted, I have submitted ;* or to the same Effect. When these Words were spoken, a Relation present said, *Thou art going to leave us ;* she reply'd, *I shall be happy.* And she also in the Time of her Sickness saw a Vision of the Difficulty of her Passage out of this World, and of the Felicity of the Place she at last was to arrive at ; the particular Relation thereof I shall not now relate.

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She peaceably ended her Days the 6th of the third Month, in the Year 1701, aged 28 Years.

**J**OHAN CROOK was born in the Year 1617; and received the blessed Truth, as testified of by the People called *Quakers*, at its first being preached in *Bedfordshire*, which was about the Year 1654. He was a Man of Note in that County, having been a Justice of the Peace; and the Lord by his Spirit made him an able Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; he had great Discoveries in the Mysteries of the Gospel, was sound in Doctrine, and a skilful Archer, hitting the Mark.

In former Years, when he was out of Prison, he laboured much in publishing the Gospel, and many were the Seals of his Ministry. And as he had received a Part of the Ministry, so also he had a Share of Sufferings for his faithful Testimony, being imprisoned in divers Places, as at *London*, *Huntington*, *Aylesbury* and *Ipswich*; and as he seal'd to the Truth by Sufferings, so he was careful to adorn the same by Conversation,



tion, and had Regard to the Power of Godliness in Life and Doctrine above dead Forms, and to the Spirit above the Letter, yet highly esteemed the holy Scriptures, with Respect to the sacred Doctrine thereof, being well read therein, and devoted for the Faith and Practice thereof, as the Lord gave him Understanding.

He was eloquent, allegorical and mysterious many Times in his Ministry, but did not thereby deny or invalidate the History of Christ, &c. as recorded in the holy Scriptures.

The Mystery of Christ in Spirit, and as revealed and formed in true Believers, and their sincere Conformity to him in Spirit and Conversation, he greatly esteemed; desiring Professors of Christianity might come into the true Sense and Experience thereof, by a true living and feeling Faith in Christ, and sincere Obedience to him.

He spent his former Years mostly in and about *Bedfordshire*, and the Counties adjacent, and his latter Years in *Hertfordshire*, being often disabled from travelling far, by reason of several Infirmities of Body, as the Gout, Cho-

*lick and Stone, so that he would say (with Israel) I have been afflicted from my Youth, Psalm cxxix. And under the Sorrow and Grief that he had with some of his Children, he would sometimes, in a tender Frame of Spirit, comfort himself in the Words of David, viz. Although my House be not so with God, he hath made with me an everlasting Covenant, order'd in all Things, and sure, 2 Sam. xxiii. 5. and said, That the Lord did remember the Kindness of his Youth.*

*His Patience under his bodily Infirmities was very remarkable, and as a good Christian he made the best Use of them, saying, That the Furnace of Affliction was of good Use to purge away the Dross and earthy Part in us: And that, did he not feel and witness an inward Power from the Lord to support him, he could not subsist under his Pains, they were so great; especially that of the Stone, which continued with him to his End; yet he was not remembred to have uttered an unsavory Word, or impatiently to cry out; and when the Extremity of his Fits were over, he would express his inward Joy and Peace that he had with the Lord.*

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He would many Times say, *That many of our ancient Friends were gone to their long Home, and we are making haste after them; Thus, said he, they step away before me and leave me behind, and I that would go, cannot; well, it will be my Turn soon; in which he seem'd to rejoice.*

He finished his Course the 26th Day of the second Month, in the Year 1699; in the 82d Year of his Age, and was buried at Friends Burial-ground at Sewel in Bedfordshire.

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*Of a young Woman about twenty Years of Age.*

**S**ARAH BECKWITH, Daughter of Marmaduke Beckwith of Aldbrough near Masham in Yorkshire, was from a Child sober and grave in her Deportment, not addicted to light and needless Words, but behaved herself as one that was watchful lest she should offend the Lord, or be an evil Example unto others. She was obedient to her Parents, and tenderly affectionate unto others, one sincerely devoted to serve

the Lord, and seek his Kingdom and the Righteousness thereof; She loved Retirement, and when her Business was over, would walk alone in the Fields and other Places, where she sought to the Lord, and would sing Praises to him, when she thought no Body saw or heard her.

In her Sickness she was much troubled with Shortness of Breath, and often prayed to the Lord, *to enable her to praise him whilst she lived.*

About five Days before her Decease, having some Ease, she desired to be raised up in her Bed, and spoke largely of the tender Dealings of God with her, desiring those who were young, to prize their Time, not knowing how few their Days might be; for, *said she*, many are the Temptations of the Enemy, especially to Youth, presenting Length of Days, and periwading them, that it is soon enough to trouble themselves with such a Concern, for so he would have perswaded me; and many ways was I tempted, which caused such Exercises that I was brought nigh to Despair; and I sought the Lord Night and Day, no Ear heard

' heard me but the Lord alone, who  
 ' heard my Call, and afterwards gave  
 ' me some comfortable Assurance of  
 ' my Salvation: But the Enemy hath  
 ' been very busy, and has sorely hur-  
 ' ried me since I began with this Illness.'  
 Afterwards she prayed, ' O Lord, give  
 ' me full Assurance of my Salvation  
 ' before I depart hence! O Lord, let  
 ' not my Distemper overcome my  
 ' Senses, till I come to a full Enjoy-  
 ' ment! I pray thee, let not my Desires  
 ' cease, till thou answer the Desires of  
 ' my Heart; and let nothing quench  
 ' thy Love.' And the Lord answered  
 her Cries, and caused her Cup to over-  
 flow, so that she sung heavenly Praises  
 to the God of her Salvation.

She also gave tender Advice to her  
 Sisters, and desired them ' to love and  
 ' fear the Lord above all, and keep in  
 ' the Truth; *saying*, Oh! press after  
 ' it, to feel the working of it in your  
 ' own Hearts; and when you are in  
 ' it, keep in it, and under the Govern-  
 ' ment of it; and heed not to deck  
 ' yourselves, but be meek and low;  
 ' none ought to pride themselves in any  
 ' Endowment, either Beauty, or any  
 ' other



‘ other Thing ; because it is not theirs,  
 ‘ but the Lord’s who gave it them,  
 ‘ and can take it away when he plea-  
 ‘ seeth ; *saying*, What is all now to me ?  
 She also spoke of the Condition of some  
 who were grown careless, and were got  
 into Liberty ; ‘ Such, *said she*, were ill  
 ‘ Examples to those that are com-  
 ‘ ing up. *And said*, There were many  
 ‘ who professed Truth, that knew  
 ‘ little what Truth is : *So she said*, It  
 ‘ did not consist only in coming to  
 ‘ Meetings, and wearing plain Apparel  
 ‘ and the like, unless they come to feel  
 ‘ the Operation of Truth in their own  
 ‘ Hearts ; for all such outward Ap-  
 ‘ pearances will stand in no stead, with-  
 ‘ out the Love of God be inwardly felt  
 ‘ and enjoy’d. It is an easy Thing to  
 ‘ come to Meetings ; and some are  
 ‘ ready to think, that doing so, and  
 ‘ behaving themselves soberly, is suffi-  
 ‘ cient ; but the Lord seeth at all  
 ‘ Times, and he will have no such  
 ‘ Mockery. I bless God, I have not  
 ‘ been guilty of seeming what I was  
 ‘ not.

Her Love was great to faithful  
 Friends, and she much desired their  
 Company,

Company, and wonderfully prized the Love and Mercies of God; saying, *It is not for my Deserts, for I had nothing to engage the Lord with, but it is his free Love to me.* And she said, *There was Man's Righteousness, and the Righteousness of God; but Man's Righteousness must be rent off, and Man covered with the Righteousness of Christ Jesus, who said, I lead in the Way of Righteousness, in the Midst of the Paths of Judgment, that I may cause those that love me to inherit Substance.* And speaking of the Way of Truth, she said, *it was a strait and narrow Way, and not to be kept in without a daily Watch; and farther said, But altho' a strait Way, yet it is a pleasant Path, and delightful.* Oh! *here is Peace in Abundance; it is so sweet, I could delight always to enjoy it, and to live therein; Gold is not worthy to be compared to it.* And thus continued, being taken up with heavenly Thoughts, saying, *Lord, give me fully to drink of the Well of Water that is within the Gate, for thou hast raised my Heart, and I am overcome with thy Love: O! I long, I long.* O Lord, open thou the Windows of Heaven, and pour of thy Blessings into

*my Soul, until there be not Room to receive, that I may bless and praise thy Name.*

Her End drawing nearer, she prayed the Lord to give her an easy Passage; and taking her Leave of her Sister Hannab, she said, *If she was worse, some should call; and taking her by the Hand, said, Dear Sister, thou hast been near and dear to me, and careful of me, the Lord requite thee, and be near to thee when thou com'st to lie on thy Dying-bed.* So, near Morning, her Distemper growing upon her, she said, *I am as sensible as any of you, and I am well content to die; I have no Doubt of my Salvation: With many more good Expressions, which could not be perfectly understood, her Voice being low; but she was sensible to the last; saying, within a very little Time of drawing her last Breath, Lord, take me away; Lord, take me away: And presently after she gently and comfortably passed out of this World, to live for ever in the World which hath no End.*

She departed this Life the 24th of the ninth Month, in the Year 1691.

JOHN

**J**OHNS BURNYEAT, was born in the Parish of *Low-water* in the County of *Cumberland*, about the Year 1631; and when it pleased God to send his faithful Servant *George Fox*, with other of the Messengers of the Gospel of Peace and Salvation, to proclaim the Day of the Lord in the County of *Cumberland*, and north Parts of *England*, this dear Servant of Christ was one that received their Testimony, which was in the Year 1653, when he was about twenty two Years of Age: And thro' his waiting in the Light of Christ Jesus, unto which he was turned, he was brought into deep Judgment, and great Tribulation of Soul, (such as he had not known in all his Profession of Religion) and by this Light of Christ were manifested all the reprov'd Things; and so he came to see the Body of Death, and Power of Sin which had reigned in him, and felt the Guilt thereof upon his Conscience, so that he did possess the Sins of his Youth: Then, said he, *I saw that I had Need of a Saviour to save from Sin,*

as well as the Blood of a sacrificed Christ to blot out Sin, and Faith in his Name for the Remission of Sins ; and so being given up to bear the Indignation of the Lord because of Sin, and wait till the Indignation should be over, and the Lord in Mercy would blot out the Guilt that remained (which was the Cause of Wrath) and sprinkle my Heart from an evil Conscience, and wash our Bodies with pure Water, that we might draw near to him with a true Heart in the full Assurance of Faith, as the Christians of old did, Heb. x. 22.

Thus did this Servant of the Lord, with many more in the Beginning, receive the Truth (as more at large may be seen in the Journal of his Life) in much Fear and Trembling, meeting often together, and seeking the Lord Night and Day, until the Promises of the Lord came to be fulfilled, spoken of by the Prophet *Isaiab*, Chap. xlii. 7. xlix. 9. and lxi. 3. and some Taste of the Oil of Joy came to be witnessed, and a heavenly Gladness extended into the Hearts of many, who in the Joy of their Souls broke forth in Praises to the Lord, so that the Tongue of the Dumb (which Christ the Healer of our Infirmities unloosed)



unloosed) began to speak and utter the wonderful Things of God. And great was the Dread and Glory of that Power, which in one Meeting after another was graciously and richly manifested amongst them, to the breaking and melting many Hearts before the Lord. Thus, being taught of the Lord, according to *Isa. liv. 13. John vi. 45.* they became able Ministers of the Gospel, and Instructors of the Ignorant in the Way of Truth.

After four Years waiting mostly in Silence, he appeared in a publick Testimony, which was in the Year 1657, being at first concerned to go to divers publick Places of Worship, reproving both Priests and People for their Deadness and Formality of Worship, for which he endured sore beating with their Staves and Bibles, &c. and Imprisonment also in *Carlisle Jail*, where he suffer'd 23 Weeks Imprisonment for speaking to one Priest *Denton* at *Briggham*.

After he was at Liberty, he went into *Scotland* in the Year 1658, where he spent three Months, travelling both North and West : His Work was to call People to Repentance, from their lifeless hypocritical

hypocritical Profession, and dead Formalities, and to turn to the true Light of Christ Jesus in their Hearts, that therein they might come to know the Power of God and the Remission of Sins.

In the Year 1659, he went into *Ireland*, and preached the Truth, and true Faith of Jesus, in many Parts of that Nation: And about the seventh Month following, meeting with *Robert Lodge*, a Minister concerned in the same Work, he joined with him, and they laboured together in that Nation for about twelve Months, in the Work of the Gospel, and returned to *Cumberland* in the seventh Month 1660.

In the Year 1662, he travell'd to *London*, where he met with *George Fox*, *Richard Hubbertborne*, and *Edward Burrough*; and in his returning home thro' *Yorkshire*, at *Rippon* he was committed to Prison, and kept fourteen Weeks, for visiting the Friends who were Prisoners there.

After he was discharged of that Imprisonment he returned home, where he abode, except at times visiting Friends in the adjacent Counties, till the Beginning

ning of Summer in 1664, when he took  
 Shipping again for *Ireland*, and visited  
 most of the Meetings in that Nation :  
 And from thence embarked for *Barba-*  
*does*, in order to perform his Journey  
 into *America*, which had lain before him  
 for four Years ; and from *Galway* he  
 arriv'd at *Barbadoes*, after a Passage of  
 seven Weeks, and stayed three or four  
 Months there, and had great Service,  
 and much Exercise also, occasioned by  
 the Imaginations of *John Parrot*, and  
 that fleshly Liberty he had led many  
 into, not only there, but in *Virginia*,  
 and other Places : From *Barbadoes* he  
 went to *Maryland* about the second  
 Month 1665, and afterwards to *Virginia*,  
 labouring in the Work of the Gospel :  
 In the fourth Month 1666 he came to  
*New-York*, so to *Rhode-Island*, *New-*  
*England*, and *Long-Island*, till the second  
 Month 1667, at which Time he went  
 again to *Barbadoes*, and spent that Sum-  
 mer there ; and in the seventh Month  
 of the same Year, he sailed from thence,  
 and arrived at *Milford-Haven* in *Wales*,  
 and labour'd much in the Gospel in this  
 Nation, from the Time of his Arrival  
 from *America*, till the latter End of the  
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Year 1669, when he went over and did spend that Winter among Friends in *Ireland*, and return'd to *London* in the Year 1670.

In the fifth Month 1670, he embarked for *Barbadoes*, again, in Company with *William Simpson*, who died in Peace with the Lord in that Island; from thence he went to *New-York*, *Long-Island*, *Rhode-Island*, and *New-England*, and afterwards to *Virginia* and *Maryland*, where he met *George Fox* and several Brethren just come from *Jamaica*; afterwards, having spent much Time and Labour up and down in *America*, till the 25th of the second Month 1673, they came from the Capes of *Virginia*, and arriv'd at *Galway* in *Ireland*, the 24th of the third Month, and from thence they came to the Yearly-Meeting at *London* in 1674.

From that Time he continued in this Nation, labouring among the Churches until the eighth Month 1681, when he went to *Ireland* again, and tarry'd there till the sixth Month 1684, and then he came into *Cumberland*, and so to *Scotland*, and into the north Parts of *England*, again, visiting the Meetings of Friends,  
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and so returned to *Ireland* the 25th of the first Month 1685, where he tarry'd till he departed this Life.

In the latter Part of his Life he took a Wife in *Ireland*, and had by her one Son; and after the Death of his Wife he had some Intentions to go for *England* about the Year 1688, but seeing the Troubles and Wars in *Ireland* coming on, and that many Afflictions would attend Friends in that Nation; and People being possessed with Fears, fled for *England*; but our dear Friend, tho' he had Opportunity, had no Freedom to go, but gave himself up to stay with Friends there, and bear a Part of the Sufferings that might attend them; in which Time he was a precious Instrument in the Lord's Hand, able and skilful in the Ministry, for the comforting of his People; for he was a cheerful Encourager of them, a dear Friend and true Brother; a diligent Overseer, and tender Father; a perfect and upright Man in his Day; and having been at a Province-meeting at *Rosean-Allies*, where he bore a living Testimony to the Comfort of Friends, he went from thence to *Montrath* and *Balinakill*, and so to:  
Monthly.



Monthly-meeting at *New-Garden*; after which he came home with *John Watson*, and feeling himself not well, took his Bed, and was visited with a *Fever*; and continued sick twelve Days; in all which Time he was preserved in his Senses, and in a sweet Frame of Spirit; he often said, *He was fine at Ease, and quiet in his Spirit, and the Lord did attend him with his heavenly Power and Presence.* To his Comfort, and the Satisfaction of them about him. He said, *That he ever loved the Lord, and the Lord loved him from his Youth.*

And so he peaceably departed this Life on the 11th Day of the seventh Month in the Year 1690, and was decently buried at *New-Garden* the 14th of the same.

Convinc'd at the Age of 22 }  
 A Labourer in the Gospel 33 } Years.  
 Aged ~~59~~ 59 }

**H**ENRY HAYDOCK, of *War-rington* in the County of *Lancaster*, was a faithful Man in Life and Conversation, and walked as becometh the blessed

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bleſſed Truth, which he made Profeſſion  
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When he was upon his Dying-bed,  
and in outward Appearance high gone,  
the Lord, who is the God of the Living,  
raiſed him up by his divine Power, to  
the Admiration of thoſe preſent, to  
bear a living Teſtimony for him, which  
was on this wiſe, viz.

Friends, I was never a publick Preacher  
in all my Life; but now, by the Power of  
God, I am one at my Death, Glory be to  
God for evermore, who hath the Life and  
Breath of all Men in his Hand, and can  
lengthen at his Pleaſure; who knows how  
to diſpoſe of us: Therefore, Friends, be  
you all faithful to the Lord, for great  
Things will the Lord bring to paſs for his  
People, who are true in their Hearts to  
him; for ſuch as ſerve God faithfully,  
they ſhall have a living Reward from him,  
and their Reſt ſhall be with the Lord  
Jeſus Chriſt; which Reſt my Soul is  
already entered into, and is ſet down with  
God in the Paradice of his Pleaſure, taking  
its Repoſe with God the Father, and our  
Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and all the holy Men  
of God ſince the Foundation of the World,  
and tho' my Body go down to the Earth,

yet my Soul and Spirit shall have its Residence with the living God in Heaven, where they who are unfaithful to the Lord cannot come: For, said he, I was well nigh my last Breath; but the Lord loosed my Tongue, that I might declare of his Goodness.

Again, he said, The Lord in my beautiful Days did put his living Word in my Heart, and though I have been by some looked upon as a Stripling, and as one that knew not much of the Things of God, yet my Soul hath had many sweet Seasons and Opportunities.

Again, he said, I have a very good Wife, faithful and loving to me, and three sweet Children; call them, that I may kiss them before I die, for my Time here will not be long. So they brought one of his Daughters to him, and he said, Thou art Elizabeth my youngest Daughter, and kissed her many times; and farther said, Silver and Gold I have not much to leave thee; thou hast hitherto been a good Child, the Blessings of the living God rest upon thee, and the Blessing of me thy dying Father be with thee also. So then he took his Son, and said, Thou art Roger my sweet Son, in thee have I taken great Delight; yet now thy Father is about

to take his last Breath; and that which I  
 desire of the Lord, is, that he will bless  
 thee and thy two Sisters, and bless you all,  
 that you may keep up my Name, and live as  
 your Father hath done; tho' I have not  
 filled up the Number of many Years, yet I,  
 thy Father, do witness Peace with God.  
 And with that, being pretty much spent,  
 he said, The Lord bless thee my Son, and thy  
 two Sisters; the Blessing of your Father be  
 with you all: and so kissed him many  
 times, and let him go. Then he called  
 for his Daughter Alice, and said, Thou  
 art Alice my first born, and I love thee  
 well, it hath been real and true; and tho'  
 some Men can shew it more, yet I love you  
 all well, and I hope the Lord's Care will  
 be over you when I am dead and gone;  
 and I believe you will not want. Alice,  
 (said he) kiss me, for thou must never kiss  
 me more: So clasping her in his Arms,  
 he kissed her, and bid her Farewel. And  
 then said, I have now made an End of  
 what lay upon my Mind; therefore ever-  
 lasting, living, pure, invisible God, into  
 thy Hand of Power I recommend my Soul;  
 and so lay still and quiet till a little be-  
 fore his Departure, when the very  
 Pangs of Death seized on him; then  
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was his Sighings many, yet had the  
 Savour of Life in them: afterwards he  
 lay still and very quiet, rejoicing in his  
 Spirit, and said, My Soul doth magnify  
 the Lord, and my Spirit rejoiceth in God  
 my Saviour, who hath saved me from Sin;  
 but what shall I say to the Rebellious? if  
 they will serve the Devil, they will have  
 a bad Portion in the End. And he said,  
 Though there may some of all Perswasions  
 find Salvation, yet that People, in Scorn  
 called Quakers, who are really faithful  
 to God, are satisfied in God, and they  
 know Salvation to their immortal Souls,  
 having been redeemed by Jesus Christ who  
 is come to save many. And he prayed  
 for his Brother and Sister, saying, O  
 Lord, thou knowest I have one Brother  
 and Sister, who are not in that Faith  
 which I am about to lay down my Head in;  
 Lord, bring them to it, if it be thy blessed  
 Will, and confirm them in the same, that  
 they may receive that blessed Reward thou  
 hast made my Soul a Witness of. And  
 said, So my Strength now failing, as to  
 my outward Man, I once more recommend  
 my Soul into thy Hands, Lord Jesus  
 Christ.

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He departed this Life the 5th Day of the fourth Month, in the Year 1688, aged about Thirty-three Years.

**T**HOMAS JANNEY was born in *Cheshire*, and received the blessed Truth at the first preaching thereof in that County, which was about the Year 1654, being then in the Twenty-first Year of his Age; and the next Year he received a Gift in the Ministry, preaching the Gospel of Christ freely, and travel'd into many Parts of *England* and also in *Ireland*, and had a fervent and sound Testimony for Truth, and his Conversation and Course of Life accorded with his Doctrine.

In the Year 1683, he with his Family went to *Pennsylvania*, and there settled; where he staid about twelve Years; and in the Year 1695, he came over again in Company with his Friend *Griffith*, of *Pennsylvania*, to visit his Brethren in *England*: And after he had staid some time in *London*, he went into *Cheshire* in the sixth Month of the same Year, where he had many Relations that were faithful Friends; and though they were dear

dear to him, and their Houses might have been his Home, yet he rested little, but visited the Meetings of Friends in several neighbouring Counties.

The next Spring he travel'd through several Counties where he had been in former Years; and as he had a Desire to see the Brethren at the Yearly-meeting in *London*, he was there at that Time; soon after which he was taken so ill (having decayed in his natural Strength before) that his Recovery was much doubted; and some advised him to go out of the City for the Recovery of his Health. After some time he adventured by short Journeys, as from *London* to *Endfield*, so to *Hertford*, and from thence to *Hitchin*, where his Distemper increasing, he could go no further, having a Purpose to have gone for *Cheeshire*. At *Hitchin* he lay a considerable Time at the House of our Friend *William Turner*, and Friends there were careful and tender over him; and he having endured much Hardship formerly in the Service of Truth, by travelling into several Climates, and enduring Heats and Colds, his Body was attended with

much

much Pain, so that few expected his Recovery.

Two of his Relations, who were Friends, came from *Cheshire* to *Hutchin*, to visit him, and one of them being with him in his Chamber, he said to this Effect: Cousin, I am glad that you are come; I hardly expect to recover, so as to be able to get into *Cheshire*. It is some Exercise to think of being taken away, so far from my Home and Family, and also from my Friends and Relations in *Cheshire*. I would gladly have got down into *Cheshire*, but I must be content, however it pleases God to order it. — Worse Things have happened in this Life to better Men than I am. I shall be missed in *America*; Friends there were troubled when I came away; I have laboured faithfully amongst them; they will be grieved at the Tidings of my Death; my Family will want me. My Care hath been for my Sons, that they may be kept in the Fear of God; I have been a good Example to them; I have a Care upon me, that they may be kept humble while they are young, that

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' they may bend their Necks under the  
 ' Yoke of Christ. If I am taken away,  
 ' I am very clear in my Spirit; I have  
 ' answered the Requirings of God, I  
 ' have been faithful in my Day, and I  
 ' have nothing that troubles my Spirit,  
 ' my Spirit is very clear.' And he also  
 expressed his Concern for his Brethren  
 in the Ministry, especially the Young,  
 That they might observe the Leadings  
 of God's Spirit in their Ministry, and  
 not lean upon their own natural Parts;  
*which, he said, did occasion divers Incon-*  
*veniences*; of which he spoke particular-  
 ly in the Time of his Sicknels.

After this, the Lord answered his  
 Desire, that he recovered. To as to be  
 able to get down into *Cheshire* to his  
 Relations there, and he got abroad to  
 some Meetings that Winter, but yet  
 weakly in Body; and towards the  
 Spring, he made Preparation to have  
 got Home to his Family in *Pensylvania*;  
 but before the Ship set sail, his Distem-  
 per (which had not quite left him) re-  
 turned sore upon him: So he went to  
 his Sister's near where he was born, and  
 she spoke something to him about his  
 Family, but he said, little, only these

Words,



Words: *If it be the Will of God that I be taken away now, I am well content*; which was the most he said in his last Illness, save to a Friend concerning his Burial.

He departed in much Quietness of Mind the 12th of the twelfth Month in the Year 1696, and was buried the 15th of the same, in Friends Burying-place in *Cheshire*, aged Sixty-three Years, having been a publick Minister Forty-two Years.

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**HENRY STOUT**, of *Hertford*, born at *Ware* in the County of *Hertford* in the Year 1631, was convinced of the blessed Truth, by the Ministry of a Woman, in the Year 1655, being then about the Twenty-fourth Year of his Age; at which Time some of the People called *Quakers* came into that Part of the County, concerning whom he had heard evil Reports, and that they denied the Scriptures; which had prejudiced his Mind against them: But it so happened, that there came a Woman called a *Quaker*, and preached in *Ware* Market; and afterwards a rude



Rabble followed her down the Street, and he seeing them, followed her also, in Pity towards her, and to rescue her from them; but she turned into a House where there was a Meeting, and a Friend was speaking there, unto whom he listened, and heard him speak much Scripture, although he named neither Chapter or Verse; at which he wondered, because he had heard that they deny'd the Scriptures; but after he thus lent an Ear, the Woman stood up and spoke, and such a Power attended her Ministry, that his Spirit was much broken, and Astonishment seized on him; and he saw others also with Paleness of Face, and they smote their Hands. This brought great Fear upon him lest he should be deceived; yet was he afraid also, that he should offend God and resist the Day of his Visitation: This brought great Sorrow upon him for a time, he not being able to distinguish; but afterwards going to another Meeting, he heard another Woman, by whose Preaching his Convincement was increased; and he was so confirmed, that he could set to his Seal that it was the very Truth which had long been  
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veiled in him; but now, by the preaching of the Gospel was revealed, and could say *Christ was come, and he looked not for another*; and it was confirmed by the Work that was wrought both within and without; *first* within, The Eye which had been shut, was now opened, and the Ear that had been deaf, did now hear, and the Mouth of the Dumb could speak, and the Lame could walk, and the Mysteries of the Kingdom of God were known, which before were in Parables. And he searched the holy Scriptures, and found that it was the good old Way, though new to him and others; and the Scriptures were opened by the Spirit that gave them forth, and a Witness for God he had in himself, according to *John i. 5, 10. He that believes, bath the Witness in himself.* Then he took up the Cross and denied himself, and so became a gazing Stock to the World (as the Lord's People were in those Days, as well as in former Ages) and soon after he was moved of the Lord to go to the publick Places of Worship, to declare against them, and to preach the Truth: Then Persecution and Sufferings soon follow

ed; for many and various were the Trials and Exercises which the Lord's People went through in their Day.

He was the first called a *Quaker* that suffered Imprisonment in *Hertford Jail*, for the Testimony to the Truth, where his Sufferings were great, the Prison-windows being shut, that he might not have the Benefit of the Air, or the Light of the Day. And after he was released of that Imprisonment, He was a Prisoner five Times more in that Town of *Hertford*; the last of which he was sentenced for Banishment, and continued a Prisoner near eight Years, to the great Detriment of his Health, being often put into the common Jail; which Trials the Lord carried him through with much Patience, Contentedness and Quietness of Mind, he being given up to the Will of God.

He was a serviceable Man in many Respects, and willing to do what Offices of Love he could for any: He travel'd pretty much in the Service of Truth in his younger Years, whilst he had Strength of Body, but some Time before his Death, Distempers grew, and Weakness increased upon him, which  
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made him incapable of being much from Home.

The last four Months before his Death, he went little abroad, but grew weaker and weaker; the which his Wife perceiving, did much importune him to advise with some Doctor; but he answered her thus, *I would not have thee confide too much in Doctors, for they will all prove Physicians of no Value to me: I thank God, I know that Power which in former Ages raised the Dead, and healed all Diseases; and if it is the Will of God, he can restore and heal me; if not, I am satisfied, his Will be done.*

His greatest Infirmity was a Stoppage at his Stomach, and Shortness of Breath, which often brought Faintings upon him; but he bore all with great Patience: And when some Friends came to visit him, he told them, *His Weakness was such, that he thought he should hardly recover it; but however it pleased God to order it, he was fully satisfied: For he had this Testimony, that he had served the Lord with Faithfulness, and with an upright Heart, to the best of his Knowledge: With more to that Effect, which cannot be well remembered: And*



at another Time, to a Friend that came to see him, he said, *There is none that knows the Virtue and Goodness of Truth, so well as when they draw towards their latter End, when all outward Comforts fail and are leaving of them, and Sickness and Weakness comes upon them.* He further said, *That he had travelled in the Service of Truth in former Years, when he had Strength of Body, and the Lord had given him many living Testimonies to bear for his Name; in all which he was faithful, and the Remembrance of it warmed his Heart at that Time; for he could say, That his Care was not to speak more than what the Lord gave him to speak, that thereby his Name might be honoured: And many Times, and upon several Occasions, he so expressed himself, as fully manifested that true Satisfaction and Peace he had with the Lord; often desiring to be dissolved, that he might go Home to his Rest.* And the Lord's Love and gentle Dealing appeared very large towards him, in giving him many times Ease of Body, and comfortable Seasons of Refreshment; and he generally rested well in the Night, till about a Week before his Death. The Sense of



it would often make him break forth into Praises and Thanksgiving to the Lord, for his Goodness and Mercy to him in the Night-season. When he awaked out of his Sleep, and when his Sleep was taken from him, yet he continued quiet, patient and sensible to the last Moment. And when his Wife saw that he slept little, and took little, hardly enough to keep him alive, she was full of Grief; which he perceiving, said to her, *Thou must give me up, for I shall not long continue here: But it will not be long before thou and I shall meet again in that blessed State, where all Tears shall be wiped from our Eyes.*

He kept his Bed but four Days; and the Day before his Death, his Children being by him, he said to them, *You who are like to enjoy what I have, I would have you remember the Advice of your old Father when I am gone, and live in the Fear of God, and as it becomes the Truth; then you will be as Monuments when I am gone, and it will go well with you, and what I leave will be a Blessing to you. And beware of earthly Mindedness, and Pride and Prodigality, which is a Dishonour to any Family; and bring up your*

Children in Plainness, and not in the Fashions and Superfluities of the World, which passeth away. Remember my Advice, who speaks to you in Love; for Wo will be to the Wicked: I would say more to you, but my Strength faileth.

The Day he died he spoke little, but lay as if he slept; but sometimes fainting Fits would come, that it was thought he would have gone away in one of them; but he did not, but fell into a Slumbering; and when he awaked, he desired to be turned on the other Side, and then he stretched out his Hands and Feet, and said, *Now I am going to the Lord*; which were the last Words he spoke: And so departed in Peace, without so much as a Groan or Sigh.

Thus he finished his Course, and laid down his Body, the 6th of the tenth Month, in the Year 1695, in the Sixty-fifth Year of his Age.

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**T**HOMAS ALDAM, of *Warnsworth* in *Yorkshire*, received the glad Tidings of the Gospel of Life and Salvation very early, viz. in the Year 1651,

1651 by the preaching of that eminent and faithful Servant of Christ Jesus, George Fox, soon after he was delivered out of the Dungeon in Darby Prison; at which Time this Thomas Allam, John Kellam, Thomas Kellam, Richard Farnsworth, Thomas Goodyeare, and several others of Note, received the Truth; and many Sufferings, Beatings, Reproaches, Spoiling of Goods, and Imprisonments, he endured for Christ's Sake and the Gospel's, being often concerned to go into Market-places, and Publick-places of Worship, bearing Testimony against the Wickedness of the World, and against such Teachers and Leaders as caused them to err, through Lightness, Pride and Covetousness.

Before he was convinced, he was a great Follower of the Priests and Teachers of those Times, but his hungry and thirsty Soul not being satisfied amongst them, he left them, and waited as alone, until it pleased the Lord to send his Servant George Fox as aforesaid, into those Parts of the Country. And he having received the Truth, was valiant for the same upon Earth, and gave up

his Strength and Substance to serve the Lord. He was very zealous and fervent in Spirit, severe against Evil, but tender to the least Appearance of that which was good, watching over his Children in the Fear of God, given to Charity, and to do good to all.

He was one of the first called a *Quaker* who was imprisoned in *York Castle* upon that Account, in the Year 1652. It was for going to *Warnsworth Steeplehouse*, and speaking to *Thomas Rookbey*, Priest of that Place, who procur'd his Imprisonment at *York*, where he was kept two Years and six Months so close, that he was not suffer'd once to come Home, nor see any of his Children; and sometimes not permitted to see his Wife and Relations when they went to visit him. He was also fined, during that Imprisonment, 40*l.* at the Assize, for appearing before the Judge with his Hat on his Head, and speaking Thee and Thou to him.

And also during the aforesaid Imprisonment, his Adversary, *Rookbey* the Priest, and one *Vine*, an Impropiator, sued him at the Law for treble Damages, and they made Spoil of his Goods to the

Value

Value of 42 *l.* not leaving one Cow give Milk for his young Children and Family. Thus he suffered for his faithful Testimony to the Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Flesh, and for his free Ministry; at other Times also he suffered the Loss of Goods for his Testimony to the Truth.

And as he had been a Sufferer himself, so he had a tender Sympathy for the Lord's People, his Brethren, who were Sufferers for the Truth, and would go oftentimes to *Oliver Cromwell*, and others the Rulers of those Times, and lay the Sufferings of Friends before them.

He also travelled into *Scotland* and *Ireland*, and went to the Chief Rulers there upon the same Account.

And he went to all, or most of the Prisons in *England*, where there were any of the People called *Quakers*, to take a perfect Account of their Sufferings, that he might be the more capable to advocate their Cases before the Government, being ready at Assizes, Sessions, or elsewhere, to plead the Cause of God's People.

He had a tender Regard to Love and Unity among Brethren, bearing good  
Esteem



Esteem in his Mind for such as laboured in the Gospel.

And when he was about to undertake any Journey upon Truth's Account, he would call his Family together, and in much Humility pour out his Supplication to God to preserve them.

After thus having serv'd his Generation in Faithfulness, he was visited with Sickness, in which Time he set his House in Order; and in the Time of his Weakness the Lord was good unto him, and eminently appeared with him, so that he said to his Sister, near his latter End; *That he found his Strength so renewed, that he believed he could get to London, if the Lord required it*: But he answered again, *I am clear of the Blood of all Men*; *I find nothing to this Man*, meaning King Charles the second, then lately restored to his Kingdom.

He was very sensible of his latter End: And the Day he died he called for his Children, and exhorted them *to live in the Fear of God, and to love and obey their Mother*: And so, being freely resigned into the Hands of God his Creator, he departed this Life in the fourth Month in the Year 1660.

His

His Wife *Mary Aldam*, survived him but three Months. She was a Woman fearing God, and serv'd him in her Generation ; and in all the Exercises which her Husband pass'd through, in those early Days, she never was heard to grudge or repine, but was given up in all Things to God's disposing. Her Remembrance is sweet, and her Name to be recorded amongst the Faithful of God's People : She received Truth by the Ministry of *George Fox*, at the same Time her Husband did, and bore Testimony to the same Truth, according to her Measure.

He had also two Sisters, faithful Women.

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**M**ARGARET KELLAM, who was convinced about the Year 1651, travelled much in Truth's Service in the breaking forth thereof, and many were convinced by her. She also suffered Imprisonment for the same at *Exeter*, *York*, and *Banbury* in *Oxfordshire* ; and great was the Courage that attended her in preaching Truth in the Streets,

Streets, Markets, and publick Places of Worship, and to the Rulers of the People ; and the Lord was with her.

She finished her Course in Faith, signifying before her Departure, *The great Peace she enjoyed with the Lord, and the Clearness of Conscience she had before him.* And so departed this Life in the Year 1672.

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**J**OAN KELLAM was also a Woman that truly feared God, and a good Example where she dwelt: She was of sound Judgment, and well experienced in the Work of the Lord; zealous for his Honour, and faithful to the Testimony of Truth; an Encourager of Virtue, and watching over the Young, and an Instructor of them in the right Way of the Lord; and could speak a Word in due Season to an afflicted Soul, having passed through many States, and seen the Wonders and Goodness of the Lord therein; and was as a Mother in Israel.

In the Time of her Sicknes she was well disposed, and gave good Advice to them she left behind her, that they

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might persevere in Faithfulness, to the  
finishing of that Work which the Lord had  
for them to do. So departed this Life  
in the Year 1681. A : borned as was  
tender Mother, a loving Relation,

**SARAH BROWN**, Wife of Capt.  
Broion of Leicestershire, and Mother  
to Samuel Brown, Physician in the Town  
of Leicester, was one who did in her  
young Years fervently and sincerely seek  
the Lord, and frequented the Assemblies  
of the best Sort of People in that Day,  
called *Peritans*; afterwards she joined  
herself to the *Baptists*, among whom  
she walked inoffensively.

But when it pleased God to raise up  
his People called *Quakers*, in the North-  
ern Parts of this Nation, and gave some  
of them Commission to publish the Way  
of Life and Salvation, she received their  
Testimony with great Joy and Thank-  
fulness to the Lord, and was a Nursing-  
mother among that People. (And her  
Husband, at her Request, gave up his  
House for Friends to keep Meetings in,  
(even at the breaking forth of Truth in  
that Day) and she counted nothing too  
dear to part with for Truth's Sake,  
and

and was a good Example in Conversation, in Temperance, Meekness, and Chastity, towards those with whom she was concerned: A true Wife, and a tender Mother, a loving Relation, and a good Neighbour and firm Friend: She had a Word of Comfort in due Season to many when in Afflictions; she loved to visit the Widow and the Fatherless, the Prisoners, and the House of Mourning, and to feed the Hungry, and cloath the Naked, and to wash the Saints Feet: She suffered Imprisonment, and spoiling of Goods, for the Truth's Sake, counting all as Dross and Dung that she might win Christ: When Death came, she received it with Contentedness, being given up to God's good Will and Pleasure, and she lived to old Age. A Friend visiting her in her last Sickness, said to her, *The Lord hath sent his Messenger,* (meaning, that her End was at hand) she made Answer, *He is come;* and desired the Lord to give her an easy Passage. She was first taken ill in the Night with a violent Pain in her Legs, and her Son *Samuel Brown* being presently called, she pray'd to the Lord



To mitigate the Violence of her Pain, and to give her Strength to bear his Hand with Patience. Her Son was much grieved for her; which, she perceiving, said, Child do not do so; rejoice and be glad; for thou hast no other Cause; thou hast been a dutiful and loving Son to me, even to the full: And the Lord answered her Prayer; and in a short Time took away the Violence of her Pain: And she praised the Lord, and blessed his Name, for his Mercies and Goodness; speaking of his great Mercy and Favour to her all her Life long; to the great Comfort of her Children about her: And blessed her Son, saying, The Lord bless thee and thine, for thy Love and Duty to me; for I do rejoice that thou wast born unto me. Also to her Son's Wife, she said, Daughter, thou didst promise to take Care of me when Weakness should approach; and now thou art as good as thy Word: The Lord bless thee and thine for all your Love to me. And in the Sense of the Love of the Lord to her she prayed, O Lord, guide thy poor Hand-maid into thy everlasting Kingdom, where I may sing Hallelujahs to thee for ever.

She

She gave Order, two Days before her Departure, (being sick but six Days) to be buried at *Leicester* by her Grand-Children; and so died in a good old Age, at her Son *Samuel Brown's* at *Leicester*, on the 30th of the ninth Month, in the Year 1693, aged Eighty-three Years.

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**WILLIAM WALKER**, an Inhabitant of *Pensilvania*, born in *Yorkshire*, but convinced in *Pensilvania*, was one who bore a living Testimony to the Truth of God in the Assemblies of his People. He came over to visit his Friends and Brethren in *England* about the latter End of the Year 1693, in Company with other Friends from those Parts, which was about the Time *George Keith* came over from *America*. And this our Friend often expressed his great Sorrow for *George Keith*, and the sore Exercise and Trouble he gave to Friends in *America*, by his Contention and Jangling; and he had a Testimony against that Spirit but a few Days before he died, *That God would judge it.*

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After he had visited Friends about London, he went into several Counties, and also into Wales; and return'd to London, in order to be at the Yearly meeting in 1694; a little before which Time he was taken sick there, and Endeavours were used for his Recovery, but they proved unsuccessful. In the Time of his Sickness he was often fill'd with the Love and Power of God in his Soul, to the Comfort of those present. And observing some to weep, he said, *Weep not, dear Hearts, lest you trouble me.* Afterwards he said, *O the Goodness of the Lord!* And lifting up his Hands, he said, *Lord, thou art altogether able to do wonderful Things! Thou shalt be my Physician.—Oh the Wonders of the Lord! What have I seen of the transcendent Glory! Though I see but a little, yet 'tis admirable Glory.* Again he said, *The old Enemy would have had me let go my hold; but I said, I have an Interest in thee, and I will hold thee, Lord.* Those about him being desirous he might recover, he said, *Nay, I have no Promise of Life.* Speaking of Christ, he said, *I can see him; his Arm is open to receive me.* After some Time he said, *The Lord is a Physician*

*friend indeed, a Physician of Value.*  
 Another Time he said, *We must all*  
*double our Diligence.* And lying another  
 Time in a still Frame of Mind, he sang  
 forth in sweet Melody, as followeth: *His*  
*Compassion fails not; he waits to be gra-*  
*cious: Oh the Wonders of the Lord! the*  
*Wonders of the Lord in the Deep.* An-  
 other Time he said, 'My Faith is sted-  
 fast in the dear Son of God; that  
 although I am under great Weakness  
 and Afflictions, yet in the Strength of  
 my Father's Love I shall be enabled  
 to stand against the Mists of Dark-  
 ness: the Enemy would fain unpin  
 my Faith: God's People are always  
 preserved while they wait still at  
 Home.—O Lord Jesus Christ! I will  
 hold thee fast; Thy Compassion fails  
 not. Oh sweet Jesus Christ, I have  
 great Cause to hold thee fast. Oh  
 sweeten Death unto me! Oh thy sweet  
 Presence! for in it there is Life:  
 Oh Lord, give me Strength: I will  
 not let thee go: Thou hast Regard  
 to them that fear thee, thy Com-  
 passion fails not; thou art at my right  
 Hand to uphold me: Oh my Saviour!  
 thou art at my right Hand to save  
 me;



' me, thy Compassion fails not. O  
 ' Lord, Afterwards he said, Oh Lord  
 ' Jesus! come, sweet Jesus, I long for  
 ' thee: now Death is pleasant.'

His Wife's Sister being by him, he  
 said, ' Fear the Lord God.' She said,  
 ' Wouldst thou any Thing to thy  
 ' Wife.' He answered, ' My dear and  
 ' tender Love in the Lord Jesus unto  
 ' her, and to all my dear Friends every  
 ' where: and that you may double  
 ' your Diligence, to your Soul's Com-  
 ' fort, the Days you have here. My  
 ' dear Love to our dear Friends in  
 ' *America*, where I have been sweetly  
 ' refreshed, and had many good Meet-  
 ' ings among them.' After a little  
 Repose, he said, ' Oh Fountain of Life!  
 Then stopped, and thus spoke again,  
 ' I cast the Care of my dear Wife and  
 ' Children, if living, upon the Lord;  
 ' I trust in him.' After some Rest,  
 he said, ' Lord Jesus Christ, come,  
 ' receive my poor Soul: Come, O my  
 ' Soul's Beloved! Come Lord, I long  
 ' for thee, Lord Jesus Christ: if there  
 ' be any Iniquity in me, search it out.'  
 —Afterwards he said, ' I feel the An-  
 ' gel of thy Presence to surround me:  
 ' Come,



O Come, Lord Jesus Christ, come,  
 O come, receive my Soul into thy Bo-  
 som. Again he said, Come, Lord  
 Jesus Christ, let me intreat thee come  
 away, and receive me out of all Sor-  
 row, come away, my Lord. After  
 a little Time he said, I feel the Foun-  
 tain of Life, my Soul's Beloved is  
 come. And so died in Peace with  
 the Lord, as those then present can  
 testify, that he was in a sweet hea-  
 venly Frame of Spirit when he drew his  
 last Breath, which was on the 12th of  
 the fourth Month, in the Year 1694,  
 at the House of John Padley in Olaves  
 Parish, Southwark.

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Of a Child about eleven Years of Age.

**R**UTH MIDDLETON, Daugh-  
 ter of Samuel Middleton and Rebecca  
 his Wife, was visited with a Consump-  
 tion in the tenth Month 1700, and  
 continued in much Weakness of Body  
 till the 16th of the fifth Month 1701.  
 During her Sickness, these Expressions  
 as follow (among others) were ob-  
 served.

One

One time, her Mother being much concerned to part with her, the Child lying still as if she was in a Slumber, opened her Eyes and said, 'What's the matter? What's the matter? My dear Mother, do not be troubled for me, nor don't sorrow for me, I shall be happy; and it is the Lord's Will that I am thus afflicted, and we must be contented: Thou know'st that *Abraham* was willing to offer up his only Son *Isaac*; and thou dost not know, if thou couldst freely give me up, but that the Lord might spare me a little longer to thee; and if it be his good Pleasure to take me to himself, his holy Name be blessed for ever.' Another Time her Mother said, 'How art thou now?' She replied, 'But indifferent; but I am well satisfied; for it is the Will of God that I am thus afflicted. — Oh! my dear Mother, I would be glad if thou couldst freely give me up.' — One Time, going to slumber, she prayed thus; 'Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy Will be done in me, as it is in Heaven: Oh sweet

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Lord

‘ Lord Jesus, feed me daily with the  
 ‘ Bread that comes down from Heaven.  
 ‘ And, Lord, if it stand with thy  
 ‘ Will, grant that I may sleep to refresh  
 ‘ this poor needy Body : But thou,  
 ‘ Lord, know’st what I stand in Need  
 ‘ of, better than I can ask ; Lord, be  
 ‘ with me, and my Father, and Mo-  
 ‘ ther, and Brother.’ And thereupon  
 she went to Sleep : And when she  
 awoke, she said, ‘ Oh blessed and  
 ‘ praised be thy holy Name, O Father  
 ‘ of Life ! For thou hast heard my  
 ‘ Desires, and hast answered me ; for  
 ‘ I have slept sweetly.’

Another Time she said, ‘ The Lord  
 ‘ said to his Followers, *Suffer little*  
 ‘ *Children to come unto me, and forbid*  
 ‘ *them not, for of such is the Kingdom of*  
 ‘ *Heaven.*— And if I be not happy,  
 ‘ what will become of ungodly Men  
 ‘ and Women ? For truly I am afraid  
 ‘ of offending any Body, for Fear I  
 ‘ should offend the Lord.’—One Time  
 she said, ‘ Pray Mother, have a strict  
 ‘ Eye over my Brother, for he is very  
 ‘ full of Play.’ A Friend, after en-  
 quiring ‘ how she did ? said, I hope  
 ‘ thy Eye is still to the Lord ? Her

Reply

Reply was, ' Although I can hardly  
 ' speak, I think upon the Lord, and  
 ' he knows my Thoughts, and answers  
 ' them ;' with more sensible Words.

Another Time she said, ' It will not  
 ' be long before I shall be at Rest and  
 ' Peace, where there is no more Pain  
 ' to the Body nor to the Mind ; and  
 ' where there is nothing but Joy for  
 ' evermore. Dear Mother, be willing  
 ' to part with me, for I am willing to  
 ' part with you all ; I am not at all  
 ' concerned for myself, but for thee,  
 ' poor Mother, who doth, and will  
 ' make thy Bed a Bed of Tears often  
 ' for me.'

Hearing her Mother question her  
 Recovery, she said, ' Oh ! what the  
 ' Lord pleases ; for I am not afraid of  
 ' Death ; I never wronged any Body  
 ' of a Pin to my Knowledge, nor  
 ' loved to make Excuses : I never told  
 ' a Lye but once ; when I should have  
 ' said Yes, I said No : But that has  
 ' been a great Trouble to me ; but the  
 ' Lord, I hope, will forgive me, for  
 ' I called the Maid and told her the  
 ' Truth.'

Near her End she desired to come out of the Country to London, and said, *The Air does me no Good, nor the Doctor does me no Good: The Lord is the same at Home, as here.* And when she was removed Home, she said, *Now I am glad; if I die it is better to be here, and will save a great deal of Trouble.*

A Friend asked her, *if she was willing to leave Father and Mother, and go to the Lord?* After some Pause she answered, *If the Lord please, I am willing this very Minute to leave all, for I shall be happy.*

The Night before her Departure, after a Friend had prayed by her, she said, *I do understand well, and am inwardly refreshed: I am sorry that I cannot speak so, that the Friend could bear, or else I would give an Account of my inward Peace with the Lord.*

A few Hours before her Death she thus prayed, but her Voice was very low; ‘Oh Lord! with-hold not thy tender Mercies from me at the Hour of Death. Oh Lord! let thy Loving-kindness continually preserve me.’ Afterwards she said, ‘I desire to slumber; but if I die before I awake, I desire the Lord may receive my Soul.’

She



She was thankful for the tender Regard her Mother had to her, and with a low Voice said, ' Farewel, dear Mother ; in the Love of the Lord, ' Farewel.' And then desired to see her Father and Brother ; and feeling for her Brother's Face, she stroaked him and said, ' Farewel, be a good ' Boy.'

Her Father asking her, *how it was with her ?* She reply'd, ' I am just ' spent, but I am very easy, and shall ' be very happy. My Body is full of ' Pain, but the Angel of the Lord is ' with me, and his Presence will for ' ever preserve me ;' and so kissed her Relations, and bid them all *Farewel.*

Her last Words were, her Desire to be *Remembred to the Friends who did visit her in her Sickness,* and in less than half a Quarter of an Hour, like a Lamb she departed this Life, on the 16th of the fifth Month in the Year 1701, being Eleven Years two Months and four Days Old.

**A**LEXANDER JAFFRAY, of *Kingswell* in the North of *Scotland*, born in the City of *Aberdeen*, was one who early remembered his Creator, and as he grew in Years he increased in a religious Concern towards God, and those whom he esteemed feared him; and joined, when young, with the *Presbyterians*, tho' he was educated in another Form of Religion; but some Time after, when those People got into Rule and Government, they forgot their former low and persecuted Condition, and grew high, rigid, and fierce Persecutors of others, therefore he soon disliked them, and signified the same to some of the Chiefest among them, having been himself one of those Commissioners, who were deputed by the Nation of *Scotland* to treat on Articles with King *Charles* the second, then in *Holland*, in the Year 1650.

After he left the *Presbyterian* Way, for some time he was among the *Independents*, and finding them also to be for setting up themselves, and persecu-  
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ting others, he could no longer follow them. After this he remained in private for some Years a solitary Mourner, not joining with any Professions in Religion; not suffering several of his Children to be sprinkled or baptized (as they called it) because he could not own their Way of constituting of National Churches; and this was long before he was called a *Quaker*. And in this solitary Retirement he sought the Lord, waiting for a People who were spiritually touch'd with a divine Coal from the Altar, to kindle true and spiritual Sacrifices to God.

When first he heard that God had raised up such a People in *England*, who directed all to God's pure Light, Spirit and Grace in their own Hearts, as the most sure Teacher and Leader into all Truth, Worship and Religion, he said, *He felt his Heart to leap within him for Joy*: And after weighty Examination concerning that People called *Quakers*, who preached the Truth among them, he found his Heart and Soul united to them: This was in the Year 1662, a Time when it was as bitter a Cross, even as Death, to own them, especially

to one of his Repute; and shortly after were several more Men of Note, in that Nation, convinced of the same Way of Truth, as *John Swinton* in the South Parts, *David Barclay*, *Alexander Skein*, *Thomas Mercer*, and others.

This made the Priests and others persecute them; but they stood their Ground through the Grace of God, and boldly bore their Testimony (particularly this *Alexander Jaffray*) valiantly contending for the Truth in solemn Conferences with the Bishop of *Aberdeen*, and the Chief Preachers of that City.

He was faithful in his Testimony to the Truth to the last; and in his sickly old Age was imprison'd many Miles from his own House, for Nonpayment of Tythes. And this is remarkable, That a little before this Imprisonment, he being near to Death, as was judged by all who saw him, he signified under his Hand, being altogether unable to speak by a great Swelling in his Throat, *That his God had yet a Service for him to do for Him, in suffering for his precious Truth; and that he was not to die at that Time.*

He

He was taken sick the latter End of the fourth Month 1673, and during the twelve Days of his Sickness, he utter'd many living Testimonies to the blessed Truth, before many Witnesses, both Friends and other People, who visited him; A few of them are as follow;

He said, *That it was his great Joy and Comfort in that Hour, that ever he had been counted worthy to bear a Testimony to, and suffer for that precious Testimony of Christ Jesus, his inward Appearance in the Hearts of the Children of Men, visiting all by his Light, Grace and Spirit, that convinceth of Sin; and that it was, and would be the great Judgment and Condemnation of many in this Nation, particularly of the Professors, that they have so slighted and despised, yea, hated the said Light and Witnesses thereunto.*

Sometimes being overcome in Spirit, he said, *Now Lord, let thy Servant depart in Peace, for mine Eyes spiritually have seen, my Heart hath felt, and feeling, and shall ever feel thy Salvation.*

He also prophesied of a great and near Trial shortly to come, wherein some that were not what they seemed to be, should be discovered and fall; but the Up-



right and lowly Ones, the lowly Shrubs should be preserved, when tall and sturdy Oaks should be overthrown ; which is since fulfilled upon some.

He farther said, That the Lord had given him the Garments of Praise, instead of the Spirit of Heaviness.

Sometimes, when very sick, he would bless the Lord, That now fighting with a natural Death, he had not an angry God to deal with. Oh ! says he, the Sting of Death is fully gone, and Death is mine ; being reconciled to me as a sweet Passage, thro' him that loved me. Another Time, seeing the Candle almost out, he said, My natural Life is near an End, like that Candle, for want of Nourishment or Matter to entertain it ; but in this we shall differ, That if it be let alone, that goes out with a Stink, and I shall go out with a good Savour, Praises to my God for ever.

A little before his Breath ceased, he said, He had been with his God, and had seen deep Things ; about which Time he was filled with the Power of God in a wonderful Manner, which much affected those present, and in a little Time after he died like a Lamb, being the

6th Day of the fifth Month in the Year 1673, aged Fifty nine Years, and was buried in a Piece of Ground set a part near his own House at *Kingswell*, the 8th of the same Month.

**M**ARY PADLEY, Wife of *John Padley*, Timber-Merchant, of *Olaves, Southwark*, was a Woman adorn'd with Truth and Innocency, chaste, upright, and sincere Hearted, industrious, yet void of Covetousness, so that Virtue shone forth in her Conversation: She was also charitable to the Poor, plain in Apparel, adorning the Truth in her Conversation, punctual in performing her Promise, and in the Discharge of any Trust reposed in her: And as she spent her Days in the Fear of God, so the Lord was gracious to her at her Death.

She was taken with Pains of Travail in Child-bearing, the 6th of the seventh Month 1695, at which Time she said, in much Tenderness and Fervency of Spirit, *My God, and my Father, deliver me.* And after she was delivered, she praised God for his Mercies towards

her: And afterwards being asked by her Husband, *how she did?* (finding some unusual Symptoms attend her) she answered, *Weak, but well satisfied.* And as a Confirmation thereof, she broke forth into *sweet Praises to the Lord.* And died, leaving behind her four Young Children, aged about Twenty eight Years.

**C**HARLES MARSHALL, born at *Bristol* in the Year 1637, was religiously educated by his Parents in the *Independent* Way. In his tender Years he had inward Desires after the Knowledge of God.

After he had continued some Years amongst the *Independents*, and also the *Baptists*, he grew more and more dissatisfied with the empty and lifeless Profession of those amongst whom he walked. He spent much Time in Retirement alone in the Fields, under a Sense of his State and Condition, crying unto the Lord, and seeking after his saving Knowledge; in which State he continued, untill it pleased God to send to that City his faithful Servant *John*

*Audland,*

*Audland*, from out of the North of *England*, by whose powerful Ministry he was turned to the Light of Christ Jesus in his own Heart, which had before discovered his State and Condition unto him : And after he came to turn in his Mind to the Light of the Lord, and was thereby and therein resigned, he came to witness God's pure Power, Love and Life, to break in upon him ; and after manifold Exercises and Troubles, he was raised up a Powerful Minister of Christ Jesus, and an Instrument in God's Hand to turn many to Righteousness.

He was moved in the Year 1670 to go through the Nation of *England*, and visit God's Heritage, which he did within the Compass of one Year ; and altho' it was then a time of great Persecution, yet in all his Passage through Cities, Towns, and all the Counties of the Land, no Man was suffer'd to lay Hands on him, or stop his Way.

He continued a faithful Minister, and laboured much in the Gospel to the Time of his Sickness, which lasted several Months ; in all which Time, great Patience and Meekness appeared in him, although

although under great Weakness and Affliction of Body.

He had some Sight and Knowledge of his End; for a little before he was taken ill, he earnestly pressed a particular Friend of his, to ride out of Town with him, having something of moment to impart to him; and when they were a few Miles from London, he said, amongst other Things, *That he was satisfied his Departure drew near, and therefore had a Desire to discourse with him about some particular Things before he died.* And when he was taken ill, he sent for the same Friend, and told him, *Now he was satisfied he should go abroad no more;* although in his first Illness there was no such Appearance to others, which the said Friend told him; but whatsoever he said to take him off of such Thoughts, it had no Impression upon him; he continued fixed in his Mind, *That he should die of that Illness.* Several of his Friends pressed him to go into the Country, but he desired only to go to *John Padley's*, a Friend that dwelt near the River-side, which he much liked; and at his first going thither he was a little better, but soon altered again. He lay ill there about



about three Months, under great Weakness; and several Friends often came to see him, and he would be frequently giving them seasonable Counsel and Advice, in many heavenly Expressions, and would often exhort them, *To keep in Love and Unity, and to the living divine Power and Life of Truth, that thereby they might be kept a People fresh and green, and living to God; that so Formality might not prevail over them.* And he pressed, *That a great Regard might be had of the Poor, and that some Way might be found out for their Employment:* Often saying to this Effect, *That in an unexpressible Manner he felt their Sufferings, by reason of their Poverty.* Indeed he was a Man that greatly sympathized with those who were afflicted either in Body or Mind, being of a very tender Spirit.

A little before his Departure, he sending for John Padley and his Wife into his Chamber, said to him, *Dear John, do what thou canst for the Honour of Truth, and the Lord bless thee and thine for Generations to come.* And to his Wife he said, *That he desired the Lord might be with her, when she came to such a Time as that (he was then in, i. e. a Death-bed) and make her*

her Passage easy; and his Desire was granted, for she died in less than a Year after, and said on her Dying-bed, *That the Lord had answered dear Charles Marshall's Request*, for she lay very easy, and freely given up. As he lay in this weak Condition, he was often opening his Mind to divers of his Friends; particularly when several Ministring Friends came to see him, he spoke to this Effect: *I have loved the Brotherhood, I have sought the Unity and Peace of the Churches for these forty Years, and to my great Comfort, I never did any Thing tending to the Breach thereof. I have two Things that lie upon me to Friends, which I desire may be communicated unto them.*

The First is, ' That they gather down  
' into the immortal Seed and Word of  
' Life in themselves, and be exercised in  
' it before the Lord, and duly prize and  
' set a right Value upon the many  
' outward and inward Mercies, and  
' Blessings, and heavenly Visitations,  
' that the Lord had eminently bestowed  
' upon them, since the Morning of the  
' Day of his blessed Visitation; then  
' shall they grow and be preserved in a  
' living Freshness to him: And the

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‘ Lord will continue his Mercies to  
 ‘ them, and they shall not want his  
 ‘ divine refreshing Presence in their  
 ‘ Meetings together before him.’

The second Thing is, ‘ That those  
 ‘ Friends, that the Lord hath given  
 ‘ great Estates unto, ought to cast their  
 ‘ Bread upon the Waters, and do Good  
 ‘ therewith in their Life-time; for those  
 ‘ that are Enjoyers of such Things,  
 ‘ should see that they are good Stewards  
 ‘ thereof: Oh! the many poor Fam-  
 ‘ lies that such Persons might be a Help  
 ‘ to! How easily might they, with a  
 ‘ little, assist many a Family to live in  
 ‘ the World! And what a Comfort  
 ‘ would it be for such to see the Fruits  
 ‘ of their Charity in their Life-time.’

When our Friend *George Whitehead*  
 came to see him, with much Tender-  
 ness of Spirit, he signified ‘ his great Peace  
 ‘ and Satisfaction, and that he always,  
 ‘ from the first, had an honourable  
 ‘ Esteem of the Unity of his Brethren.’  
 And a little before his Departure, when  
 our Friend *William Penn*, and divers  
 others, visited him, he lay as a Man  
 gathered up in his Spirit unto God, and  
 though he was almost spent, his Voice  
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being very low, hardly to be heard, yet by what was understood, it might be perceived ' That he had in Possession ' the Earnest of that blessed Peace, ' which he was going to receive the ' Fulness of : ' The Observation of his Peace, and happy Condition, much affected those present. And so he departed like a Child, in a quiet Frame of Spirit, the 15th of the ninth Month in the Year 1698, aged Sixty one Years, and was buried from *Grace-church-street Meeting-house*, in Friends Burial-ground near *Bunhill-fields, London*.

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**SARAH PADLEY**, second Wife of *John Padley*, afore said of *Olaves, Southwark*, was a Woman of a meek and quiet Spirit, and had great Sympathy with those in Affliction, and bore a publick Testimony for God in the Assemblies of his People, and she had an honourable Esteem of the faithful Elders in the Church.

She was taken ill the 26th Day of the fifth Month 1699, and was sensible her End was near, and on that account was concerned for her Husband ; and

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the Love of God, with which she was filled, caused her sweetly to praise his Name, so that the Sense of the Pains and Weakness of her Body seem'd to be taken away. One Time, in the Sense of the Love of God to her Soul, she cried out, *Oh ! Death, where is thy Sting ?* Often praying and praising God ; and during the whole Time of her Sickness, she was freely given up to die.

A few Days before her Departure, she said to her Husband, *Thou art the dearest of any Thing in the World to me ; yet I can freely leave thee.* Another Time she said to him, *The Lord hath answered dear Charles Marshall's Prayer for me* (remembering that C. Marshall had desired upon his dying Bed, *That she might have an easy Passage when she came to such a Time as he was in ;* who died at her House) *For, said she, I am very easy ; and often said, that she was resigned to the Will of God.*

A little before her Death, much thro' her Husband's great Affection to her, and his earnest Desire of her Life, she seem'd a little to desire Life, but presently check'd herself for it, and re-  
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turned to her former Resignation of Spirit ; and so lay supplicating and praising God, so that a Neighbour present (not called a *Quaker*) said, *That she never saw any lie so sweetly in all her Life.* And seeing some about her weep, she said, *Do not cry for me, for I am going to my Rest.* A Friend said, *Art thou willing to leave thy Husband?* she answered, *I have often told him, I am willing to go when the Lord pleaseth:* And in a little Time after she said, *In a few Days, in a few Days, they will say Sarah Padley is dead:* And it much affected those about her, to see how reconciled she was to Death, speaking very pleasingly concerning it, and of the Felicity that would accrue to her thereby. So she finished her Course on the 8th Day of the sixth Month in the Year 1699, aged about Thirty four Years.

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**W**ILLIAM GARTON, of *Ifeld* in the County of *Sussex*, was an early Fruit to God, and a faithful Believer in his blessed Truth, and a Servant in the Church of Christ ; he was zealous against all Unrighteousness, and much,

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for the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace among Brethren; an Elder indeed, watching for Good over the Flock, a Sympathizer with the afflicted, and a Mourner in the House of Mourning, more in Deed than in Words; and though but a plain Man, yet God endowed him with a large Understanding and sound Judgment, which has been approved in difficult Cases: He was firm and constant in Spirit in Times of Suffering and Persecution, preferring the Service of Truth, and the Testimony of it, before all worldly Things. He was an Example of Virtue in the Church, also in his Family; and his Removal hence was a great Loss to both; a true and loving Husband, and tender Father. He had a great Care that his Children might be trained up in the Fear of God, and Knowledge of his blessed Truth, which Labour God was pleased to answer to his Satisfaction. He would often say, *The greatest Portion he desired of the Lord for his Children, was the blessed Truth, and that they might love, fear, and serve the Lord, and then he did not doubt that they would want any good Thing; and to that End*  
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he would often be giving them good Counsel and Admonition.

Two Days before his Decease, being visited by a Friend, he said, *That he had always endeavoured the Prosperity of Truth, to the best of his Understanding; and that he had nothing of Trouble upon him; but did bless God that he had an Opportunity to give this Testimony to those present; exhorting an ancient Friend, to keep low in God's Fear, and make strait Steps, that he might lay down his gray Hairs in Peace.*

Another Time, several Friends coming from a Meeting to visit him, he desired, *That his Love might be remembered to all Friends.*

Another Time he said, *I have always sought the Peace of the Church, according to my Ability.*

Being asked by a young Man that watched with him, *how he did?* he reply'd, *I am the better to see young Men come up in the Truth.*

A friendly Person coming to see him on his Sick-bed, he put out his Hand to him, saying, *Ah! thou lackest something: These be serious Times.*

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Two ministring Friends visiting of him the Day before he died, he seem'd very much revived, and said, *I never did any Thing against the Truth knowingly, since I was convinced.*

One taking his Leave of him, hoping for his Recovery, he reply'd, *If it be the Lord's Will, let me go in Peace: He also said, That he felt the Lord to come in upon his Spirit.* And near his End he prayed for his Wife, and Children, and Grand-children, that God would make up the Loss of him unto them. And further said, *Oh Lord, I pray thee, remember the Ancients, that they made still hold on their Way; and, Oh! my God, if it stand with thy Will, visit more and more those which are not of thy Fold, and bring them in by thine Arm, that they may come to know Rest for their Souls, that at the last we may be bound up together in the Bundle of Life; and so concluded with Hymns and Praises unto God.*

Another Time, after some Friends had prayed by him, which was to his great Satisfaction, and the Room being clear of Company, he said to his Daughter who was standing by, *Oh dear Child, I have known much of the Goodness of the*  
*Lord,*

*Lord, but not in such a large Manner (before) as now : The very Fountain is open, and the Love of God is over all ; Praises, Praises to the Lord.* He uttered many heavenly Expressions, and gave good Exhortation to those about him, which are not here inserted ; and a little Time before he died, he called for his Relations, and embraced his Wife in his Arms, and took his last Leave of her, and of his Son and Daughter ; holding out his Hand, and taking Leave of all Friends who came to see him, till his Strength failed, and so sweetly died in the Lord, in an honourable good old Age, the 8th Day of the seventh Month in the Year 1701, being the Sixty-sixth Year of his Age.

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**C**HARLES ORMSTON, Merchant at *Kelfo* in *Scotland*, was convinced of the blessed Truth about the Year 1665. He was a good Example and Pattern of Godliness, which he shew'd forth in the upright Life and Conversation he had amongst Men, and bore a faithful Testimony among the Friends of that Meeting to which he belonged,



belonged, and at whose House the Meeting was kept unto his dying Day.

He was in the Year 1688 cast into *Edinburgh* Prison, upon the Account of his owning those People called, in Scorn, *Quakers* : He remained Prisoner about twenty two Months, and his Wife, who was not at that Time called a *Quaker*, having several Times made Application to the Privy Council for his Release, did at length obtain an Order for the same on the 20th of the twelfth Month 1669. And after, Friends settling their Meeting at his House, the Earl of *Roxburgh*, whose Lodging was hard by, being angry that it should be so near his Gates, caused the Town-militia to be raised, and by Force hauled Friends out of their Meeting, and laid several of them up in Prison, amongst whom, *C. Ormston* was one. His Adversary at length perceiving, that neither keeping them out of their Meeting-room, nor yet locking up his Doors, would hinder them to meet under the Pillars of the House, gave over his Persecution.

This our Friend fell sick about the latter End of the Year 1684, and con-

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tinued to grow weaker for about two Months Time ; and having before put his outward Affairs in Order, and feeling himself very weak and nigh his End, upon the 21st of the twelfth Month 1684, in the Evening, he called for his two Sons (his Daughters not professing Truth) the Elder whereof came to him, whom he took by the Hand, and *exhorted him to a faithful walking in the Truth*, as he had formerly done, and instructed them in many Things. And about three quarters of an Hour after, he fell asleep in the Lord, having left a good Savour of his upright Life and Conversation behind him.

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**J**OHN ORMSTON, eldest Son to the aforesaid *Charles Ormston*, was an Example of Sobriety and Godliness, having from a Child shun'd Evil ; and when he was mocked for refusing to bear Company with others in their vain Recreations, he bore it patiently, not reviling again. He was given to Retirement, and a careful Instructor of his younger Brother.

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He was much troubled with Bleeding, which brought him into a Consumption, and he told them about him, *he did believe he should die*. And, being near his End, he desired his Father to pray by him, which he did; and about three or four Days before he died, he enquired of his Sisters the Day of the Month; which being told him, he answered, *The Twenty second shall be my Day*; which proved true, for upon the 22<sup>d</sup> of the tenth Month in the Year 1682, he departed this Life, and is entered into that blessed Rest prepared for the faithful. Aged Twenty Years and four Months.

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**T**HOMAS ROBINSON, of *Bridg-*  
*and near Kilsno in Scotland*, was convinced of the Truth about the Year 1669, in which he walked circumspectly, in a good Conversation, to his latter End, being a good Example in the Place where he lived; and often exhorted his Friends and Brethren, in the Meeting to which he belonged, to Faithfulness.

He was several Times imprisoned about the Years 1672 and 1673, for

meeting with the People called *Quakers* to worship God; and after having lived to a good old Age, in pleased the Lord to visit him with Sickness, which continued about twelve Days, in which Time he was kept in Patience, and often signified, *That he felt the Love of the Lord to his Soul*; and exhorted his Neighbours and Relations, who came to see him, to *fear the Lord, and to turn to him while they had Time*; with many more seasonable Expressions which he spoke, even when he was in great Pain, which much affected the Standers by; to whom he said, *Let Patience have its perfect Work*: He also signified, that being walking one Evening by himself (as his manner was) he prayed fervently to the Lord, *that he might have a Seal of his Assurance before his Departure*; and immediately he was filled with great Joy, and the Word of the Lord came to him, saying, *Is not my Grace sufficient for thee? That is done already: Thy Peace is made.* A little before he departed, some of his Children, with others, being present, and he being about to take his last Leave of them, said, *Humble your Hearts*

Hearts before the Lord, and make Use of your Time, and slip no Opportunity of making your Peace with God. And at last recommending his Spirit into the Hands of the Lord Jesus Christ, he sweetly laid down his Head in Peace, upon the 28th of the ninth Month in the Year 1698, being about the Seventy third Year of his Age.

**T**HOMAS ROBINSON, Son of the before mentioned Thomas Robinson, was convinced of the Truth about three Years before his Parents, when he was about thirteen Years of Age, and but few Friends in those Parts; and he was so effectually converted, that altho' many Endeavours were used, both by Promises and Threatnings, they were not able to overturn his Faith.

He was a Youth of a sober and religious Conversation, inasmuch that he was a Wonder to many; and by his Faithfulness to the Truth, (tho' a Child) he was very instrumental to the Convincement of his Parents, who afterwards lived and died in the same Faith.



And many Disputes he had with Priests and others, and was so furnished with Arguments, that they were often astonished at him.

About the twentieth Year of his Age, God was pleased to call him to the Work of the Ministry, at which Time he was concern'd to go to publick Places of Worship, and bear Testimony to the People against their evil Deeds. His Ministry was living, and he had a clear Discerning of the Spirit of Antichrist, that secretly worked for the Hurt of God's Heritage, which he advised Friends to watch against.

He travelled through the Northern Counties of *England*, and also visited all the Meetings of Friends in his own Nation, and had several Sights of Things to come, some of which he saw came to pass; and also had a Vision of his own Death two Years before he died. And at last he was visited with Sickness, which continued about seventeen Weeks, and in all that Time he was not heard to repine, or speak frowardly, though his Sickness was attended with much Exercise; but many times he sung Praises to the Lord, to the affecting of

others who heard him ; and declared, *That he valued not the Pains and Trouble of his Body, if it was the Lord's Will so to try him ; but that the Lord's everlasting Truth might be raised over all ; and all Lets and Hindrances be taken out of the Way, and he to feel Preservation in the Truth, to the End of his Days.* With many more good Expressions.

The Night before he died, he entreated his Parents not to repine at the Lord's doing, saying, *It was his Will to remove him from the Evil to come.* After a little Silence, his Father asked him, *If he had any thing more upon his Mind to say ?* He answered, *Little more, but that all might be kept faithful who profess the Truth, the precious Truth.* And farther said, *Let me rest, I have done, I have done ;* and fell asleep, and slept till about Break of Day, and then departed this Life on the 2d of the eighth Month in the Year 1678, about the Twenty third Year of his Age.

**S**TEPHEN SMITH, was born the 19th of the seventh Month 1623. He received the Truth in the Love of it, in the Year 1665, and gave up to obey and walk therein; and he truly loved God's faithful Messengers and People, how despised and suffering soever they were; and he suffered with them, both in Person and Estate, by Imprisonment and Spoil of Goods, for his tender Conscience and Testimony on behalf of Christ Jesus.

He was a Man fearing God, and of good Report in that County, being an exemplary Preacher of Righteousness in his Conversation, and one truly kind and ready to do Good in his Day; so God also endued him with a living Ministry, and experimental Testimony to tell of his Goodness, and speak of his Praise to others, from an inward Sense thereof in himself, and to the Comfort and Encouragement of many who heard him. He travelled in divers Parts of the Nation, in the Work and

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Service of God, in the Gospel of his Son.

In the Time of his Sickness, when he was in greatest Extremity of Weakness, he often declared of the *loving Kindness of the Lord God, by which he was upheld above the Fear of Death.*

To several who came to visit him on his Sick-bed, he said, 'It was a blessed and heavenly Thing to have the Mind clear and holy, free from all Troubles and Cumbers of this World, (as he said, *his Mind was*) 'having all given up to the Will of the Lord, that it might be truly done on Earth as it is in Heaven; *adding*, Oh what a blessed and heavenly Habitation is this for the Soul of Man to rest in, which I have a full Assurance of!' At another Time, one who came to see him, he exhorted to 'dread and fear the Lord God, and to repent of all, whatsoever that holy and pure Witness in his Conscience makes manifest to be Evil; so if happily he might find Mercy with the Lord; which will be better to thee,' said he, 'than all the World besides.' A little after came into the Chamber another Person, and the Pow-

er of the Lord being with him, he was refreshed in his Spirit, and he desired the said Person (who was a Woman) to ‘ fear the Lord, that thereby she ‘ might be preserved out of all Evil ;’ and added, ‘ love the Truth above all, ‘ for the Truth is a very precious Thing ; ‘ and be sure keep low and humble to ‘ it, and be not high-minded nor ex- ‘alted above the pure Witness of ‘ God in thy Conscience, for that would ‘ be hurtful.’

Another Time, in Remembrance of the tender Dealings of the Lord to him, he said to his Sons who were present, ‘ My Days are very near drawing to an ‘ End ; and tho’ my Father and Mo- ‘ther cast me off when I was a little ‘ Lad, the Lord hath always preserved ‘ me, and his Blessings did always at- ‘tend me, having been often in many ‘ great Dangers, both by Sea and Land : ‘ So having my Mind sober and chaste ‘ to God, and having the Fear of the ‘ Lord placed in my Heart, by which ‘ I was preserved out of Evil, I did the ‘ Thing that was right in the Sight of ‘ the Lord, so that I found Favour of ‘ the Lord, and gained the Love and ‘ Favour



' Favour of People, in dealing justly  
 ' and truly with all People, not wrong-  
 ' ing any Man :'. And this he gave in  
 Charge to his Sons, that they might  
 always be kept ' sober and chaste in  
 ' their Minds, having always Regard  
 ' to the Fear of the Lord placed in  
 ' their Hearts, that thereby they might  
 ' be preserved out of Evil, and doing  
 ' always that which is just and right ;  
 ' and to be sure to be courteous and  
 ' kind to all, loving the Good in all,  
 ' and bearing their Testimony against  
 ' the Evil in all, wheresoever it did ap-  
 ' pear.' And farther said, ' And  
 ' whensoever you go about that which is  
 ' weighty, take Counsel of good and  
 ' sound Friends, so that all Things  
 ' may be done to the Glory and Honour  
 ' of the Lord and his blessed Truth, in  
 ' which your Blessings are all. Yea and  
 ' Amen.' And moreover advised his  
 Sons, saying, ' Don't run into the  
 ' Cumbers of the World, but wait  
 ' upon the Lord, and he will find out  
 ' a Way for you in his Time ; for the  
 ' Lord is calling, and taking me out  
 ' and from all Troubles and Cumbers,  
 ' and from the Evil that is coming upon

• this wicked World, in a good Time,  
 • wherein I am assured of that sound  
 • and perfect Peace, wherein my Soul  
 • will rest with the Lord for ever ; so  
 • that I have no more to do now, but  
 • desire the Lord to make my Passage  
 • easy to my heavenly Rest.

A little before his Departure, being  
 filled with the Spirit, he praised and  
 magnified God, and prayed, saying,  
 • Lord, and dearest God, Oh ! assist  
 • in this heavenly Passage from Death  
 • to Life ;' and soon after said, ' Now  
 • I am going into my sweet Sleep ;'  
 and immediately and innocently laid  
 down his Head in perfect Peace with  
 the Lord, the 22d of the seventh Month  
 in the Year 1678, at his House near  
*Guilford* in *Surry*, Aged Fifty five  
 Years and three Days.

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**W**ILLIAM ALLEN, of *Earls-*  
*Cowen* in the County of *Essex*,  
 received the blessed Truth in the Year  
 1654, and the Power of the Lord made  
 a speedy Change in him ; for soon after,  
 he had a Dispensation of the Gospel of  
 Christ Jesus given to him from God,  
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and he was stirred up with Zeal in his Soul against the false Ways, Worships, Superstitions and Profaneness of those Times ; which Zeal for God produced living Testimonies from him, in divers Towns and Places where he travelled, against those Things which were evil, which sometimes occasioned him to come under hard Sufferings, Bonds and Imprisonments, in which he behaved himself as a faithful and courageous Soldier of Christ Jesus, and a good Example to his Fellow-sufferers ; preaching the Gospel of Peace, both in Life and Doctrine, and stop'd the Mouths of Gain-sayers ; which had a sweet and comfortable Effect upon many, who were reach'd in their Consciences by his Testimony and Ministry, and by his innocent Conversation ; so that they embraced the Truth he preached and suffered for, and became Heirs of the Salvation of God, to their everlasting Comfort, and the Furtherance of the Gospel.

He was of severe Carriage to such as made Profession of Truth, and walked not with a strait Foot in the Gospel ; but he was very tender over all such as were

were young, and under Exercise about their inward Condition, and sometimes spoke effectually to their Conditions, to the easing of their afflicted Spirits.

He was an Example in the County where he lived, encouraging Friends to observe the good Order of the Truth, and to keep the Gospel void of Offence, not exalting himself above his Brethren, but carried a good Respect to them, and to their Counsel and Judgment.

He served the Lord Jesus Christ, and his Church and People, without Weariness to the End of his Days ; and would lament those who sate themselves down at Ease, and would often say, *That a terrible Day would overtake them who were at Ease in Zion.* And in the Time of his Health, when he was able to go abroad and visit Friends, he would say, *God hath made me a Huntsman, and I must visit many of them who are in their Holes and Caves ; I must be clear of their Blood :* And would relate of the sore Travails and Pangs that he had for some, which often made his Soul very sorrowful.

His Labours in the Gospel were chiefly in the Counties of Norfolk, Suffolk,

folk, Cambridge and Essex; and for his Testimony to the Truth, he was imprisoned in Colchester Castle, where he was instrumental to gain divers to the Truth. He was also imprison'd at Cambridge, and at Ely, and Lyn in Norfolk, and many were turned to God by his Ministry.

He was a diligent Labourer in the Lord's Vineyard for about twenty four Years, and the last Year and half of his Time he was much afflicted with bodily Weakness and Sicknes; but he would often say, *That he was content with the Will of his Father.* In the Time of his Sicknes he shewed the Meeknes and Patience of Christ, which dwelt in him; but the Lord, in due Time, seeing his Exercise to be enough, put a Period to his Days: He was filled with the Peace of God to the last, so that he said, *He could shout for Joy, but that he wanted Strength of Body; and which, he said, was but an Earnest of what he should more fully enjoy when his earthly Tabernacle was dissolved.* He spoke largely of the Enjoyment of the Glory of God in his Soul, and of the Assurance he had

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of eternal Life: Some of his Expressions, in his Sickness, were as follow,

*The Earth is filled with the Glory of the Lord: Praises, Praises unto my God, who reigns over all; over all: He hath redeemed my Soul from the Grave, and my Life from the horrible Pit: He hath plucked my Feet out of the Mire and Clay; Glory, Glory be given unto thy great Name: Oh! my good God, as for my Part, I have fought the good Fight, and have kept the Faith; and a large Share of the Glory of my God is sealed in my Soul; it is but an Earnest that I have here, of that Crown of Life and Glory which my Father hath in Store for me.*

And, concerning his Sickness, he said, *It hath pleased the Lord to exercise me, as he did Job, for the Trial of my Faith and Patience: I have troden his Steps these twelve Months: A full Reward thou hast given me of Life and Glory. Oh! my good God, how good art thou to me? I have received abundance of Good at thy Hand, and shall not I receive a little Evil? Blessed be thy Name for thy Goodness: My Cup overflows, I cannot utter it, and so continued, often speaking of the Glory of the Lord, and the Immortality*

lity that rested upon him; and charged Friends to be faithful, that the Dread of God might always rest upon their Hearts, that they might answer his Love, in yielding Obedience to his Requirings; and then, if they did meet with Exercises for the Tryal of their Faith, yet the Lord would be with them if they abode faithful to the End; and the same Crown of Life they should enjoy, which he had an Assurance of.

Therefore, said he, watch, and keep your Garments, and Oyl in your Vessels, that you may be ready to enter with the Bridegroom; but as for those that shall continue in Hypocrisy and Disobedience, and shun the Cross of Christ, and neglect to work while it is Day, the Night will come upon such unawares, and the foolish Virgins State they will be found in; and though they may desire Oyl of the Wise, the Wise will have none to spare; but the Door will be shut upon such, and Misery will be their Portion. He also gave good Counsel to his two Daughters, saying, There was a Blessing for them, for their Father's sake, if they would bow to Truth, and abide faithful therein.

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He longed to haste away; but was also willing to wait God's Pleasure.

More was spoken by him, as Friends came to visit him, and as his Strength would permit, which was not taken in writing.

After his Speech grew low, he could not well be heard, and seem'd for some Hours as if he was departing; at last, he said to a Friend, *I was almost gone, but I cannot go yet; there is some secret Counsel of God in it.* After some little Time, more Friends coming in, he was, beyond outward Likelihood, enabled to declare much to them, exhorting them to Faithfulness, and said, *I am glad to see my Friends about me: I go to my God and your God, my Father and your Father; my Bosom is full of Love to all my Father's Children; and then said, Now, Lord Jesus, how acceptable is it to leave all the World, and be gathered up to thee: And so, committing his Spirit to the Lord, soon fell asleep.*

His End was honourable, and he is crown'd with Immortality and eternal Life, and left the World in a good Age, having attained to about Sixty three Years: He died the 21<sup>st</sup> of the eleventh

Month, in the Year 1679, at *Earls Cowen* in the County of *Essex*.

**W**ILLIAM SIMPSON, born in *Lancashire*, where he also received the Truth, was a faithful Minister and Prophet of the Lord, and was much concerned in going through Markets and Towns, and to great Men and Magistrates, and Priests Houses, and publick Places of Worship, declaring against their false Worship, and evil Ways and Works; and was often imprisoned for the Truth, and underwent cruel and hard Sufferings by the Jailers. He was moved of the Lord to go several Times, for the Space of three Years, naked and barefooted through Markets, Courts, Cities and Towns, and to Priests Houses, as a Sign to the People, telling them, *So should they be stripped naked, as he was naked.* And sometimes he was moved to put on Hair Sack-cloth, and to besmear his Face black, and to tell them, *So would the Lord besmear all their Religion, as he was besmeared.* Great Sufferings did this poor Man undergo; many sad Blows,

Blows, and sore Whippings, with Staves and Wands, and Thorn Bushes, Coach-whips, and Horse-whips, on his bare Body. This was before King *Charles* the second came in; that that Generation might have taken Warning, and they would not, but rewarded his Love with cruel Usage: Only the Mayor of *Cambridge* did nobly to him, for he put his Gown about him (being naked) and took him into his House.

In the Year 1670 he went to *Barbadoes*, in Company with that faithful Servant of God *John Burnyeat*, to preach the Gospel of Christ Jesus in that Island; and after they had some Service for God there, he was taken sick of a Fever, in which time he felt great Peace and Consolation of the Spirit. After he had been sick several Days, he signified to Friends about him, *that he should die*. In the Observation of his Submission and innocent Behaviour on his Sick-bed, some shed Tears, and he taking Notice of it, tenderly desired, *That they should not be grieved*. Growing weaker, and his Voice low, he said to those about him, *Friends, be nable, and don't binder me in my Passaga, for I am an innocent Man*.

And



And being asked, *Whither he would go?* He said, *I must pass away.* And by what more was said at that Time, Friends were assured that his Heart was wholly fixed upon the Lord.

A few Hours before he died, a Person came to visit him, who had not been (tho' invited) at any Meeting *William* had been at in that Island, and taking him by the Hand, asked him, *How he did?* He answered, *I am a very sick Man;* and looking towards the Man, he was endowed with the Power and Spirit of the Lord, by which he marvelously preached the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, for about a Quarter of an Hour, praising and magnifying the Lord; which was so contrary to the Expectations of those about him (considering the Circumstances of his weak Condition) that it caused Amazement, Trembling and Tears. He preached the Doctrine of Perfection, and Freedom from Sin on this Side the Grave, exhorting Friends to be valiant for Truth upon Earth; and that they should not be again intangled with the Yoke of Bondage; but to stand fast in the Liberty wherewith Christ hath made them acquainted

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free; that every Bond and Yoke might be broken, that that which is pure of the Lord God might go free in all; that God might be glorified and honoured, and they preserved in the Day of Trial, which must come upon all Flesh; and so to grow from Grace to Grace, and from Strength to Strength, and from one Degree of Holiness unto another, and that a daily Growth might be witnessed in all.—Farther saying, Ob Friends! It is the Life that the Lord looks at; for he that hath the Son hath Life; and he that hath not the Son hath not Life; examine yourselves; no Son, no Life; without the Son, without Life: And thus he declared wonderfully, often praising and glorifying God after this Manner; Ob! all that is within me praise and magnify the Lord God, who is worthy for ever and ever of all Glory; and everlasting Praises to the God of my Life, who is only worthy, and lives over all, and is above all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

About three Hours after he had given this Testimony, he departed this Life in much Quietness, being the 8th Day of the twelfth Month in the Year 1670, and was honourably buried in a Garden belonging

belonging to *Richard Forstal*, at *Bridge-  
town in Barbadoes.*

**J**OSEPH COALE, of *Reading* in the  
County of *Berks*, a young Man  
about nineteen Years of Age, was con-  
vinced of Truth in the Breaking forth  
of God's blessed Day in our Age. When  
the Ministers of Christ Jesus our Lord  
came to *Reading*, he was one of the first  
that received their Testimony, and was  
one of the first in the County of *Berks*  
that suffered Imprisonment on the  
Truth's Account. In the Year 1655  
he was committed to the Compter in  
*Reading*, by *Henry Frewin* Justice, and  
afterwards to the Jail, for declaring in  
the publick Place of Worship, *That  
Cain's Sacrifice was not accepted, but was  
an Abomination to the Lord.*

He preached the everlasting Gospel,  
and the Day of God's Visitation to the  
World, and his Ministry was effectual,  
not only for the Convincement, but  
also for the Establishment and Confirma-  
tion of many, he being experienced in  
the Works and Dealings of the Lord  
God, and also of the Wiles and Baits  
of

of the Enemy of the Souls of Mankind; a faithful Witness-bearer to the Truth, not in Words only, but in Life and Conversation also; walking in Innocency and Lowliness of Mind, in which he was a good Example and Pattern, as became the Gospel of Christ Jesus.

Being delivered out of Prison, he was moved (in the Year 1656) to travel abroad in the West of England, to visit his Friends and Brethren who were Prisoners for the Truth in *Launceston Jail* in *Cornwall*, where, at that Time, our dear Friend *George Fox* was also a Prisoner, with other Friends; and in Compassion to their Sufferings he was conscientiously concerned to lay before Justice *Anthony Nicols* the Cruelty of the Jailer towards his Friends, carrying also with him a Letter from *George Fox* to the said Justice; who, instead of relieving the Oppressed, committed the said *Joseph Coale* to the rest of his Friends at *Launceston*, as a Vagrant; and he lay there many Months (after he was fin'd at the Assize) for the most part in a wretched Place called *Doomsdale*, a Place where they used to put Witches and Murtherers, after they were condemned

destined to die, it was so noisome, that it  
 was observed, few that went in ever came  
 out in Health; and the Excrements of  
 the Prisoners, that from time to time  
 had been put there, had not been car-  
 ried out (as the People said) for many  
 Years; so that it was like Mire, and  
 in some Places to the top of the Shoes in  
 Water and Pits, and the Jailer  
 would not let Friends clean it, neither  
 would he let them have Beds or Straw  
 to lye on. Being released, he went  
 on farther Westward to visit Friends,  
 but was committed by Justice Geely,  
 again to *Launceston* Jail as a Wan-  
 derer, where he lay three Months.

In the Year 1657, he being, with  
 other Friends, met to worship God near  
*Penryn* in *Cornwal*, Captain Fox, Go-  
 vernor of *Rendennis* Castle, with a  
 Troop of Horse, came and abused  
 Friends in a wicked manner, and *Joseph*  
 was much beaten, and some of his Blood  
 shed, to the Hazard of his Life.

He was also afterwards, for declaring  
 Truth in the publick Places of Worship  
 at *Exeter*, fell upon by the rude People,  
 and haled by the Hair of the Head, and  
 had to the Town-hall, and from thence



to Jail, (a very filthy Place) and they put a great Pair of double Irons upon one of his Legs, and ordered the Jailer not to let him have any Bed nor Straw to lie upon; but the next Week he was set at Liberty.

In the same Year he was committed to *Dorchester Jail*, for exhorting People to Repentance in the Market-place at *Lyme*, and for declaring Truth in the Steeple-house at *Bridport*.

In 1661 he was again imprisoned at *Exeter*, for not Swearing, being taken from a peaceable Meeting and tendered the Oath. And many other times he hazarded his Life for the Testimony of the blessed Truth, in Stocks, and Stonings, and divers other Hardships and Difficulties.

He was once in *Ireland* with *Edward Burrough*, in the Service of the Gospel.

And last of all, he was committed to the Jail of *Reading*, on the 13th of the fifth Month 1664, by *William Armourer*, a Justice of the Peace, because, for Conscience-sake towards the Lord, he could not break his Command, who had said, *Swear not at all*. And after

six Years being shut up in Prison, and  
 much deprived of common Air to breathe  
 in, he was much impaired in his Health.  
 In the Time of his Sickness he gave  
 forth many heavenly Exhortations to  
 Friends who came to visit him; and  
 this was his Faith, which he declared on  
 his Dying-bed, saying, *That the Light*  
*of that glorious everlasting Day of the*  
*Lord, which is broken forth in this our*  
*Day, shall never be extinguished, notwith-*  
*standing all that Men can do: And though,*  
*said he, it may be in the Hearts of Men*  
*to destroy and root out, if it were possible,*  
*the Righteous from off the Earth, yet the*  
*Lord doth not intend so, neither is it in his*  
*Heart to suffer it so to be, but to exalt his*  
*own Name and Kingdom over all; and the*  
*Wrath of Man shall turn to the Glory of*  
*God, and the rest he will restrain.*

Death was made easy to him; and  
 near his Departure he bid one of his Fel-  
 low-prisoners *Farewel*; and resigned up  
 to him that Office of Love and Care  
 which he exercised amongst his Brethren  
 and Sisters, in Bonds for the Truth's  
 sake; and being filled with heavenly  
 Love and Life, and fully satisfied, he  
 laid down his Head in Peace, and full

Affurance of everlasting Rest and Joy in the Lord. Aged about thirty out Years.

**W**ILLIAM SMITH, born at *Besthorpe* in *Nottinghamshire*, formerly a Pastor of an *Independent Congregation*, and lived after the strictest manner of that People, was convinced of God's everlasting Truth about the Year 1658. He was a faithful Labourer in the Gospel, and many were turned unto God by his Ministry; for he approved himself a Minister of Christ Jesus, in Tumults, in Labours, in Travails, in Watchings, in Necessities and Distresses, which came upon him through the often spoiling of his Goods, and long and tedious Imprisonments of his Body. And, for refusing to pay Tithes to an Impropiator, he was kept close Prisoner one time twenty one Weeks among Felons, in a Dungeon in *Nottingham Jail*: And another time, he had the Value of 42*l.* taken from him at the same time he was in Prison, for 7*l.* demanded by *Dove Williamson*, Priest of *Elton*.

Indeed

Indeed many were his Sufferings for his Testimony to the Truth, which for Brevity sake are omitted; all which he patiently endured, as seeing him who is invisible, that he might hold fast Faith and a good Conscience.

In the times of his Imprisonment he writ several useful Books, which remain in the printed Collection of his Writings. And when he was at Liberty, he travelled abroad, to the nourishing and strengthening of them who did believe. And though he was often visited by Sickness, he was kept in much Patience and Contentment; and much of the Power and Presence of God appeared in him many times, when he was in great Weakness of Body, to the Admiration of the Beholders.

In his last Sickness, he was a great Comfort to them who visited him, being a living Man in the Life of Truth. After he had been ill seven Weeks, his Pains began to cease, yet he continued in Weakness; but other Distempers came upon him, which he bore with great Patience; waiting quietly, and having his Mind retired, he spoke little till one Evening, when many Friends

being in the Room sitting in Silence, and he in his Bed, he turned towards them, and plentifully declared of the great Love of God; and Friends were much refreshed and tendered. He also testified of a large Portion which he had in Life eternal. And then he spoke to Friends, *To be mindful of Truth, and of their Service therein, more than of their daily Food; and so Committed them to the Grace of God.*

The Day before he was taken away, he called for all his Children, (which were six or seven) and tenderly exhorted them, *To keep in the Fear of God, and to love the Truth, and God would be a Father and Portion to them;* and the next Day he departed this Life, being the 9th of the eleventh Month in the Year 1672.

**J**OHN STEEL, of Cumberland, was brought to the Knowledge of the Truth in the Year 1654, and was obedient thereunto, and the Lord gave him a publick Testimony to bear not long after he was convinced, which continued with him to the End of his Days.

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He was a Man of an excellent Spirit, and clear in discerning the States and Conditions of many, unto whom he was made very serviceable by good Counsell, wholesome Advice and Instruction. His manner in publick Testimony, was to deliver himself in few Words, and not often, yet very weighty and profound. He was severe against Deceit and wrong Spirits, but very willing always to encourage the well-doers; a good Example in Conversation in his Family, and abroad amongst Men, as well as in the Church.

When he was first taken sick, he said to his Wife, *I must leave thee*: She reply'd, *My Dear, why art thou of that Belief?* He answered, *It is my Belief, and that I shall be well, and get to the Place of Pleasantsness that I have been travelling for above these twenty Years*. Exhorting her, *to take heed to the pure Light, wherewith she was enlightned*; for, said he, *It is the Way, and there is not another*. He bore a living Testimony on his Dying-bed, in the Name and Power of the Lord, to several who came to visit him, both Friends and other People, exhorting, warning, and

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reproving,

reproving all as he was moved of the  
 Lord. The Day before he died, several  
 Friends being come to see him; he bid  
 them sit down and mind well what he  
 said; and he uttered many very weighty  
 Sayings, which were not written down;  
 but this was remembered that he said,  
*None could die the Death of the Righteous  
 but they that lived the Life of the Righteous:  
 And tho' Death may seem hard to  
 some, it doth not seem hard to me; for I  
 feel my Passage sweetned this Day.* And  
 exhorted Friends to keep the Unity, and  
 beware of a wrong Spirit. And then  
 said, *I have little more to Friends; but  
 it may be I may have something to say  
 to others.* And after a little time he desired  
 several of his Neighbours, who were  
 not called Quakers, to be sent for, and  
 most of them being come, the Power  
 of the Lord came upon him, and he  
 said, *I am not ashamed this Day to say,  
 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;* and  
 so declared to them several weighty  
 Things; and said, *Though some of you  
 have been long in a Profession of Religion,  
 if the Question were put to you, What is*

the Guide of your Minds? *I believe you will be put to a stand for an Answer:* And some of their Hearts were so reached, that they wept. A few Hours before he died he uttered many heavenly Expressions in Prayer to the Lord, to the great Refreshment of the Standers by. Thus the Lord who alone is worthy of Praise, accompanied him by his Power to the last.

He was convinced of Truth, in the Year 1654, and died in Cumberland in 1680.

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**T**HOMAS LLOYD formerly dwelt at a Place called *Macemore* in *Montgomeryshire* in *Wales*, and in his young Days was brought up at the University of *Cambridge*, and afterwards removed with his Family into *Pensilvania*, where he was President and Deputy-governor of that Province several Years; and in the last Part of his time, he had his Share with other Friends, in the Exercises occasioned through the Contention of *George Keith* with Friends in that Country.

Being taken sick, and near his End, he said to Friends about him, *Friends, I love you all ; I am going from you, and I die in Unity and Love with all faithful Friends : I have fought a good Fight, I have kept the Faith, which stands not in the Wisdom of Words, but in the Power of God : I have fought, not for Contention and Strife, but for the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Simplicity of the Gospel : I lay down my Head in Peace, and desire you may all do so : Friends, Farewel all.*

He farther said to Griffith Owen, a Friend who was then intending for England, *I desire thee to mind my Love to Friends in Old England, if thou livest to go over to see them : I have lived in Unity with them, and do end my Days in Unity with them, and desire the Lord to keep them faithful unto the End, in the Simplicity of the Gospel : And after a few Days Sickness, he departed this Life on the 14th of the seventh Month in the Year 1694, Aged about forty five Years, leaving six Children behind him, and was buried in Friends Burial-ground in Philadelphia in Pensilvania.*

ELIZABETH

**E**LIZABETH MOSS, Daughter of *Thomas Monk of South-Liverton-Hall in Nottinghamshire*, (whose Mother afterwards married *Samuel Watson of Knight-Stainforth in the County of York*) and late Wife of *Thomas Moss, Merchant in London*, was educated under a tender, zealous, and religious Mother, who brought her up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord; and she was a dutiful and obedient Child. When she grew up, and came to receive the Truth, she gave up to it, and continued faithful therein to the End. She was exemplary in her Family, and took great Pains to instruct her Servants, that she might bring them to a Sense of their dangerous Condition without a Saviour. She was a great Lover of Retirement, and much given to Prayer, Contemplation, reading of the holy Scriptures, and spent much of her Time alone in her Chamber; so that frequently, when her Husband return'd Home from his Affairs abroad, he found her Weeping; upon which he has sometimes said to her, *If some Persons*



saw thee at those times, they might think thou was under Discontent: Her Answer was, No, my Dear, there is nothing at all of that; but the Lord's Power and Presence hath broken my Heart and tendered my Spirit, in a living Sense of his Goodness and tender Dealings towards me: I can say, he is truly good to my Soul, and I have tasted of the Incomes of his heavenly Love and Life: and I heartily wish, that all who make Profession of the blessed Truth, were Enjoyers with me, for my Soul has been overcome with his Love; and altho' I have lost all my Children, and many of my near Relations, yet is the Lord pleased to sweeten all my Afflictions, and make hard Things easy to me.

She was indisposed some time before she kept her Chamber, and her Sickness increasing upon her, she was advised to remove out of the City, for the Recovery of her Health, which she did, and was some time at Shacklewell: But notwithstanding she grew worse, and being sensible that her End drew near, she sent for Samuel Waldenfield, George Whitehead, and some other Friends, that she might see them before she died; and the Day before she died, Samuel Wal-

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*denfield* and *John Field* coming to visit her, she was much revived, and spoke to this purpose as followeth, directing her Speech to *Samuel Waldenfield*.

‘ I Had a Desire to see thee and to  
 ‘ invite thee to my Burial (she having  
 ‘ sent for him the Day before) ‘ But I  
 ‘ hope, said she, to *John Field*, thou  
 ‘ wilt not take it amiss that I spoke first  
 ‘ to *Samuel*, for I did not know of thy  
 ‘ coming, thy Visit being altogether  
 ‘ free; I kindly accept of it as freely,  
 ‘ and desire thee also to be at my Burial:  
 ‘ And though I did not know that I  
 ‘ should have seen the Light of another  
 ‘ Day, yet the Lord having spared me,  
 ‘ I am glad to see your Faces, that I  
 ‘ may tell you how good and gracious  
 ‘ the Lord hath been to my Soul; for  
 ‘ I can truly say; I have fought him  
 ‘ with many Tears in my secret Cham-  
 ‘ ber, and poured out my Soul unto  
 ‘ him, and said, O Lord, do thou  
 ‘ come down and tabernacle in me, and  
 ‘ take up thy Abode with me. For I  
 ‘ testify this Day, *Jacob’s* Seed hath  
 ‘ wrestled with God for a Blessing, and  
 ‘ hath prevailed; and now he is become  
 ‘ my Portion, and the Lot of my  
 ‘ Inheritance

Inheritance for ever : He hath poured  
 of the Oil of Joy into my sorrowful  
 Soul, and hath fed me with the finest  
 of the Wheat, and with Honey out  
 of the Rock hath he sustained me, and  
 the Sting of Death is taken away ; I  
 say, my dear Friends, I have not the  
 Work to do now, I bless my God for  
 it, but am ready to be dissolved ; and  
 I do freely resign up my Life to my  
 God. I remember my dear and  
 tender Mother, who was a Woman  
 that truly feared him, and her Prayers  
 and Petitions were often put up to  
 the Lord, on the Behalf of her Off-  
 spring ; and we have reaped much  
 Benefit thereby : And I have blessed  
 the Lord many a time, that ever I  
 was born of her ; I speak not these  
 Things boastingly : No, for what am  
 I but a poor Lump of Clay ? But only  
 to extol the powerful Name and Good-  
 ness of my God, who hath been so  
 bountiful and gracious to me, for there  
 is Forgiveness and Mercy with him,  
 that he may be feared : Therefore be  
 encouraged to keep faithful to the  
 Lord, all that are within the hear-  
 ing of my Voice, both Husband,  
 Friends,

Friends, and Servants ; I exhort you  
 all, Do justly, love Mercy, and walk  
 humbly with your God, that so it may  
 be said unto us all, *Come ye blessed*  
*of my Father* ; which is what my  
 Soul hath desired, and that I might  
 never hear that dreadful Sound, *Go,*  
*ye Cursed* ; and the Lord hath an-  
 swered my Desire this Day, and hath  
 loosed my Tongue, that was ready  
 to cleave to the Roof of my Mouth,  
 and hath strengthen'd me to praise his  
 great and honourable Name : Oh !  
 praise the Lord with me, my Friends,  
 and pray for me, (as I shall do for  
 you whilst I have Breath) that I may  
 be preserved and kept in Patience to  
 the End ; for it is they that hold out  
 to the End that shall be saved. And  
 though I have a dear and tender Hus-  
 band, and want for nothing that is  
 convenient for me, yet I can freely  
 part with all : And I hope the Lord  
 will preserve him near to himself to  
 the End of his Days.\*

Cornelius Mason coming in, she said,  
 Neighbour Mason, remember my  
 dear Love to thy Wife (and dear  
 Children) she hath been kind in visit-  
 ing

ing me, and we have lived in much  
 Love and Friendship together ; and  
 I truly desire the Lord may keep  
 you faithful to himself to the End of  
 your Days ; and now I am com-  
 forted, and can say, Lord, here I  
 am before thee, do with me as it  
 seemeth good in thy Sight.

This is the Substance of but Part of  
 what she said, for she continued a  
 considerable time speaking of the Mer-  
 cies and Dealings of God to her Soul;  
 and praising him for the same, to the  
 Comfort of those present : After which,  
*Samuel Waldenfield* spoke a few Words;  
 and returned Praise and Thanksgiving  
 to the Lord, for his endless Love and  
 tender Mercies to his Servants and  
 People : During which, she was filled  
 with heavenly Joy, and spoke some  
 Words afterwards, desiring her dear  
 Love might be remembred to all  
 faithful Friends, with whom, *she said*;  
 she was in perfect Unity ; and so  
 parted with them in much Sweetness,  
 Love and Satisfaction.

Soon after came our Friend *George*  
*Whitehead*, whom she had desired to  
 see, and she was refreshed and comforted  
 to



to see him; and she said, Dear *George*,  
 I am glad to see thee, having always  
 had much Love and Respect for thee;  
 thou having been at my Father's  
 House, and knew my Mother well:  
 And now, though I am weak of Body,  
 yet the Lord hath comforted me  
 with his living Presence, and Death  
 is no Terror to me; but I am freely  
 resigned and given up into the Hand  
 of my God, with much more to the  
 same Effect; but she being much spent  
 with the other Friends, could not raise  
 her Voice as she did before; but with  
 Love and Sweetness, and a smiling  
 Countenance, spoke of the Goodness of  
 the Lord to her Soul, and recommended  
 her Counsel to those that were present;  
 That they might not leave that Work  
 to do, but labour to make their Cal-  
 ling and Election sure, before they  
 were cast upon a Bed of Languishing;  
 as she was upon; but through the  
 Love of her heavenly Father, she  
 was waiting for her Change, and de-  
 sired that she might hold out to the  
 End in true Patience. And she  
 desired *George Whitehead* also to be at  
 her Burial. And after he had spoken a  
 few

few Words in Prayer and Supplication on her Behalf, she parted with him in much Love and Unity.—And afterwards she said, ‘ O that I had Wings like a Dove ! for then would I fly away and be at Rest.’ With many other living and heavenly Expressions.

These Things are written, not only for the Comfort but Encouragement of those who are yet behind, to love the Lord above all, and follow him fully, that he may not forsake them in the Day of Distress ; as this Friend often said. ‘ The eternal God was her Refuge, and underneath was the everlasting Arm of his Power, to uphold and lift up her Head above the Floods of Temptations and Trials that she met withal ; by which she was enabled to sound forth Praises, and humble Thanksgiving to his holy and blessed Name.’

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And so she departed this Life the next Day, being the 3d of the second Month in the Year 1702, Aged about thirty nine Years, and was buried at Friends Burial-ground in *Bunhill-fields, London.*

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